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VILLAGE SCHOOL MAY CLOSE AFTER PARENTS' DEFECTION

by GEM REPORTERS

A VILLAGE school may be closed – because falling pupil numbers mean that children cannot take part in sport and other activities.

Bridgend's cabinet received a report on Tuesday which said that school numbers at Heol-y-Cyw Primary have dropped to 56 – with numbers having fallen since last September.

Trevor Guy, head of strategy in the children's directorate, said that the school has insufficient space and resources to provide the full range of opportunities for the new Foundation phase of the curriculum.

He went on: "While there is a perception that small schools have advantages over larger schools, this has not been supported by recent research."

"Children do not have access to the same range of facilities, and the social dimension of their education is more limited – smaller numbers in each year group prevent participation in team games with peers."

"There are also additional challenges for head teachers in managing very small schools."

The report says that the school is not used for any other purpose. Facilities elsewhere in the village serve the community's needs.

His conclusions were not disputed by the school's headteacher, Lynne Bowen-Jones. She told The GEM that the events of the last 12 months had been deeply disappointing.

Despite a 2007 Estyn inspection which praised the headteacher for "outstanding leadership", and which said that Heol-y-Cyw was a "highly improved school", she had seen 18 children removed by local

parents since September, and had to watch as parents drove former pupils down to the larger primary school in Pencoed.

She said: "They were doing it mainly so that boys could play team games, and because some year groups were so small that there was no choice of friends."

Officers are asking the cabinet to consider amalgamating Heol-y-Cyw with Pencoed Primary and moving the children to the Pencoed campus.

The report says that amalgamating Heol-y-Cyw and Pencoed could be deferred until a proposed new school was ready, or it could be done prior to that – but that would only be possible if the existing school in Pencoed can be altered to create room for the extra pupils.

Officers want, in the longer term, to build a replacement school on part of the playing fields at Pencoed which would be big enough to accommodate pupils from both Pencoed and Heol-y-Cyw.

However, a Conservative Pencoed Town councillor, Alex Williams, claims that a petition against the closure has already attracted hundreds of signatures.

Mr Williams, who is a member of Heol-y-Cyw Workingmen's Club, said the petition, which only started on Saturday, has already attracted massive support from the community – without anyone knocking on doors yet.

He said: "This campaign is attracting huge community support and although it may be the case that the head and governors are content to see a school that has been educating children for almost 100

years go under, the community is not.

"The day a village loses its primary school, is the day a village dies."

Mr Williams added that he fully supports the plans to build a replacement school for Pencoed, but did not agree with Heol-y-Cyw being closed and pupils transferred to Pencoed.

Lynne Bowen-Jones said that Mr Williams had never spoken to her about the school. She said: "The measure of community support that counts is how many parents send their children to our school."

"We lost 18 this year, and those were real pupils from our classrooms, not names on a petition."

"Should the decision be taken to close, I hope that it will be allowed to happen with some dignity."

"The wellbeing of the children is paramount and they should not be used as a political football."

She added: "I have excellent staff members and they deserve to move on to another school and continue their good work with children."

Coun Carol Davies, said she did not want to make any comment at the moment on the situation, as she is a school governor and a meeting is taking place tonight (Thursday) of governors, parents and staff.

She did say: "I know that some people are out there campaigning with a petition, but it is inappropriate and has been done without consultation with the head or governors."

"There are a lot of facts that sit behind this issue which the head and governors are aware of, and we want to make sure that the parents are fully informed."

She said that there were rumours flying around the community and there was a need to make the facts known.

"Our priority is the children at this stage. They come ahead of party politics."

The report said that a new-build replacement school in Pencoed is essential, because many of the existing buildings in Pencoed are in a poor condition and would cost £1.1m to repair.

The buildings are also no longer suitable for the needs of schools today and the lay-out prevents adaptations being made.

The school is also located on both sides of a busy main road and a school crossing patrol has to be on hand all day to enable children to cross safely, to access school buildings like the canteen and some classrooms, plus the playing fields.

The new school would be built on the larger of the two sites where the playing fields are located. These measure 8.5 acres and only part of them would be needed for the new school.

It would have a two-form entry which would be large enough to accommodate children from Heol-y-Cyw as well.

Funding for the new school would probably not be available from the Welsh Assembly Government until the financial year 2011-2012. The cost is likely to be between £6m and £7m. Full consultation will have to be carried out over these plans.

The cabinet will receive further reports about the proposed changes, and also on the future of Heol-y-Cyw Primary.

Blow for traders as council plans to bring in charges for pavement cafés

BRIDGEND County Borough Council is to invoke a 30-year old law to start charging café owners and shopkeepers to put tables and chairs, signs or goods on the pavement.

The move will affect people like greengrocers and florists, who often put displays outside their shops, as

well as pubs and cafés who put out tables and chairs – a move that has become more prevalent since the smoking ban was introduced.

The council has decided to set up a pilot scheme for Bridgend town centre, initially, but if successful, the scheme is likely to be extended borough wide and would particularly affect Porthcawl and Maesteg.

GEM EXCLUSIVE
by JAYNE ISAAC

Both towns have undergone regeneration, when traders were encouraged to make use of the wider pavements, in the case of Maesteg, or the pedestrianised areas in Porthcawl.

A-frame signs will also have to be licensed – and a further planning fee will also be required.

Although no fees will be charged under the pilot, when that ends and the scheme comes into effect everywhere, traders are likely to be asked to pay a £205 fee to apply for the licence for goods and tables and chairs – and £145 for a sign.

The licence itself will then cost £75 a year. The A boards will also require a £330 application fee.

The council has decided to invoke powers which were granted to councils under the 1980 Highways Act.

In a report to cabinet, Louise Fradd, corporate director of communities, stated that the scheme would enable the creation of a "more continental, organised pedestrian-orientated atmosphere in town centres."

She claimed that implementing a licensing regime would "greatly improve the appearance and organisation in Bridgend town centre." Controlling goods and signs will "reduce clutter and obstructions."

The use of tables and chairs outside cafés, pubs and restaurants premises can "bring life and vitality into the town's streets. They should enrich the pedestrian experience, pre-

senting an open, inviting image which could increase visitor numbers."

She said that policing would be assisted because the council would control the hours when these tables and chairs are outside, via the licences.

Ms Fradd further claimed in her report that in some cases, no consideration was given to neighbouring shops, access for emergency services, and there were no safety measures for the disabled or people who are blind or visually impaired.

She argued that both Cardiff and Swansea cities have already introduced licensing schemes which have been successful.

A licence would only be granted if businesses are covered by public liability insurance.

The pilot project would cover Adare Street, Caroline Street, Dunraven Place, Market Street, Queen Street, York Place and Wyndham Street.

All premises in those streets will be told that the council has powers to remove all items from pavements, but that they can apply for a licence.

Ms Fradd said she recognised that in the current economic climate, imposing a fee could be an additional hardship, so she proposed that the initial fees are waived.

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CHANGING READING HABITS

- but is this for the better?

Assembly Notes



by **CARWYN JONES**
AM for Bridgend
Counsel General
and Leader
of the House.

LAST week, I discovered some grim news for my shopping habits - the Borders bookshop in Pontyclun is closing.

For someone like me, who always has a book or two on the go, the news was disastrous. No more browsing the shelves with a coffee in the Starbucks on a Sunday afternoon.

Instead, New Look is taking over, a shop which is unlikely to draw me in.

The closure of Borders is symptomatic, though, of what's happening in the book trade. There are

very few independent sellers left, and the shops are usually Borders or Waterstones.

To close a profitable shop like the one near Llantrisant suggests a problem in Borders at the moment, although if they opened a new shop in Bridgend, I might be inclined to think otherwise!

The book chains are being hit hard by the online presence of Amazon.

Provided you're willing to wait a few days you can have access to any book.

The days are almost here when you will simply be able to download a book straight from the internet, making a visit to a bookshop unneces-

sary. Yet how can you flick through books online? How can the smell of the books come over, and more importantly, how will those who don't have internet access, manage to 'shop'?

The electronic revolution is also relevant to newspapers. The advent of TV and radio was thought at the time to mean the end of the newspaper.

Yet, over the years, some developed the capacity to analyse stories in depth while others gave up on news altogether, filling their pages with celebrity gossip and sport, while making up stories when it suited them (just remember the suicides coverage in

Bridgend)

Now, though, they face a greater threat. The daily papers made the mistake of allowing people to read their online editions for free.

Why then would anybody buy a paper if they could simply access it for free on the web?

There are several well established papers in the US that are now suffering because of it, and some say that there will be only a handful left in the whole of the USA in 10 years.

Instead, newspapers are becoming completely reliant on advertising income to survive.

So what does all this mean?

Well, it certainly means that news is more

accessible to those who have web access, but for those without, it becomes more remote.

It also means that even independent papers will become more reliant on advertising; if there are a few big advertisers, then they will call the tune.

Want to write a story about a big firm fleecing customers?

More difficult to do if the publication you're writing for gets a huge amount of advertising income from that firm.

The next few years will see great changes in the way we shop and the way we get our news.

We don't know yet, though, whether this will make things better.

MP joins calls for tough action on climate change

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon recently joined the Operation Noah rally, calling for action on climate change.

At the Christian campaign rally in London, Mrs Moon showed her support for efforts to highlight the need for governments to tackle the threat of climate change at a crucial United Nations Summit in Copenhagen next December.

The summit is being dubbed as 'the last-chance saloon' for world leaders to act before

global warming threatens more and more extreme weather events, including flooding and drought.

Mrs Moon commented: "The involvement of many schoolchildren, and their concern for the threat facing all the creatures of the world, was inspiring."

"Climate change, if not taken seriously, will dramatically affect not just the future of our species, but all species."

"It is great that children are so engaged in the issue and are pressuring us to do all we can now to save the planet they will inherit."

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 23)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15-20 minutes earlier.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
16 Thur	00.55	12.7	13.16	12.4
17 Fri	01.53	12.3	14.21	12.3
18 Sat	03.05	12.2	15.42	12.3
19 Sun	04.28	12.5	16.57	12.9
20 Mon	05.41	13.2	18.03	13.6
21 Tues	06.48	13.8	19.05	14.2
22 Wed	07.46	14.4	19.59	14.8
23 Thur	08.41	15.0	21.02	15.2

'College is planning only a small reduction in courses next year' - SAYS PRINCIPAL

IAM writing in response to your front page article in last week's GEM and would first like to say how disappointed I am with both the selective and indeed unnecessary sensationalisation of your report.

This year, it has been a well publicised fact that Further Education Colleges - such as Bridgend College - have had difficult financial settlements for both 2008/09 and 2009/10 and which have resulted in difficult decisions being made in terms of both the range of courses on offer and unfortunately some staff reductions.

The explanation for some of this reduction in funding is, however, understandable at the current time and in the current economic recession, with some funding being transferred by the Welsh Assembly Government towards new projects aimed at giving individuals employment skills and getting them back into work.

Some reduction in courses offered is therefore inevitable but, if your journalist had deemed to read the whole report and given a balanced view, then your readers would appreciate

that - as a result of the strong partnership that exists between the Community Education Department within the Borough Council and the College - together we have come up with a solution where 72% of the recurrent year funding together with 90% of the College's current provision remains in place for next year. At the same time I would commend the Borough Council officers on attracting additional funding through the European 'Bridges into Work' programme to secure additional funding, albeit this funding is again directly linked into giving people employment skills.

In summary, there is likely to be a small reduction in courses offered next year particularly where these courses are more of a leisure programme, but hopefully this is for the short term only and will hopefully revert back once the recession is over and the direction of funding is reviewed.

I would also wish to respond to the issues raised in relation to fees and would strongly dispute whether the college has ever demanded that fees be increased or that discounts for pensioners be reviewed. Indeed currently both the college and the Community Education Department

apply different rules in both of these areas but we have now asked the Community Education Department to review both of these policies particularly as the decision to offer discounted fees to people over 60 is, we believe, contrary to age discrimination.

Finally, I would also comment on our lack of response last week but at the time we were given no notice of this clear misrepresentation before your paper went to press.

Mark Jones, Principal.
The GEM says: The college was given every opportunity, before we went to press last week, to comment on the official report presented to Bridgend County Borough Council - but declined to do so.
In fact, it was made

clear by a college spokesperson that they "may or may not decide to make a (public) statement in the future."

As for any "misrepresentation", the facts as published were taken from the official report and have not been disputed.

We fully appreciate the current financial restraints facing further education colleges, and their possible consequences, hence our attempts to get the college to comment before publication.

We welcome the Principal's assurances (given above) that there is likely to be only a small reduction in courses next year, but wonder why this could not have been stated last week when the article was being compiled.

'Road improvement is definitely needed'

IAM pleased to see that Ieuan Wyn Jones AM is to make a statement on the preferred Cardiff Airport access route.

All of the campaigners against particular routes are only concerned that it doesn't inconvenience them.

The fact is that improved access is definitely needed, as anyone who has been stuck behind a slow-moving

vehicle from Culverhouse Cross to the airport will testify.

In busy periods, there are very few places where it is safe to overtake and I can well understand frustration leading to road rage.

I hope, therefore, that one of the plans will be adopted and that this much-needed road improvement will go ahead.
Gordon Windridge

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There's no more room for pupils at Corneli primary school, so 22 affordable homes get thumbs down

PLANS to build 22 new affordable homes in North Corneli have been rejected by planners – because there is no room in Corneli Primary School for any more children.

Windsor Lane Developers and the R Morgan Group submitted an application to build on land off Ffordd yr Eglwys. Councillors have held a site visit.

The scheme was for 100 per cent affordable homes, likely to be operated by the Hendre Housing Association. They may be rented out as social housing.

The land involved is open space on the opposite side to Capel y Pil and the other houses in the street.

There were objections to

the scheme from Corneli Community Council, on the grounds that the land involved had been a long-standing public amenity area.

The council was also concerned about "cramming" and feels that North Corneli was losing all its open space as more houses are built.

It also pointed out that there are numerous houses for sale in the community and questioned whether this development was needed.

The community council said that an application has now been lodged to protect this open land by registering it as a "village green."

Planning officer Dave Llewellyn told the development control committee that the site was within the settlement boundary of North Corneli and could be

regarded as a windfall or small scale development.

He said that there were no highway objections and the development had been designed with a variety of house types, positioned to protect the amenity of existing and proposed residents.

PLAY AREA

The land was owned by the council and was sold to developers with a covenant requiring a replacement play area covering a minimum of 650 square metres. The play area proposed covered 793 sq metres.

Mr Llewellyn stated that the local education authority had to ensure there were sufficient school places available to meet the needs generated by new housing.

The site was located within the catchment of Corneli

Primary School and the school's capacity is 282 pupils. It is predicted that between 2010 and 2016, numbers will average 286.

It was, therefore, concluded that the school had insufficient capacity to accommodate the predicted increase in pupils.

It is estimated that there will be an extra five pupils from this development and the developer was asked to pay £81,565 so that additional accommodation could be provided for them at the school.

However, the developer has refused to make this financial contribution and as a result, the application was recommended for refusal, on the grounds that the school cannot take the additional children who would live at this development.



ABOVE:

Lorraine Colton and Amanda Bennett (Vodafone) with Chris Major, headmaster of Heronsbridge school.

Special school gets £7,600 boost from mobile phone firm

Heronsbridge School in Bridgend has received £7,600 from the Vodafone Foundation to help continue its support of young people in the area.

Heronsbridge is a special school for girls and boys aged from three to 19 and, in particular, works with children with disabilities and also with autism.

The cash injection will

be put towards building an ecological cabin for the children, so that they can learn more about the environment.

Bridgend is in one of 25 retail regions to receive grants from the Vodafone Foundation.

Since February, charities across Wales and the west have submitted requests for funding to their local Vodafone store. Grants were then considered by the foundation trustees.

Lorraine Colton, regional manager for Vodafone said: "I am delighted that we are able to contribute to Heronsbridge School's work in Bridgend and help young people in the area."

For more information about the Vodafone Foundation visit: www.vodafonefoundation.org

Trecco Bay holiday park company is fined £150,000 after swimming pool boy is left with brain damage

A PORTHCAWL holiday park company was fined £150,000 after a court heard that a schoolboy suffered massive brain injuries in a swimming pool not properly manned by lifeguards.

Chad Mole (seven) was found lifeless in the jacuzzi-style "bubble lounge" at a popular Trecco Bay caravan park used by 175,000 holidaymakers a year.

He was revived, but suffered oxygen starvation to the brain which has left him severely disabled.

His family, from Halesowen, near Birmingham, were on a short break at Trecco Bay.

Prosecutor Ian Pringle QC said: "His father Brian was in the pool with both his young sons at Splashlands on the caravan park, when Chad wandered off."

"He found his way to the pool's bubble lounge, a jacuzzi-type area near the deep end. Another holidaymaker found Chad underneath the surface."

"He scooped him out of the water and shouted

for help. Chad was limp and his lips were blue."

Pool manager Simon Hughes was heard shouting: "Why wasn't someone watching him?"

Cardiff Crown Court heard that park owners Upper Bay Limited had failed to safeguard Chad on the day of the accident in October 2005.

The court heard a lifeguard should have been on a high chair overlooking the pool and another lifeguard patrolling.

Mr Pringle said: "This accident was caused by the company not having a proper system of work. They did not have sufficient lifeguards on duty."

"There was no system where people would react properly when they saw a young boy in a dangerous part of the pool."

Chad and his four-year-old brother, JJ, were both non-swimmers. Neither had buoyancy aids and there was a sign saying children under eight should be accompanied by an adult.

The court heard a lifeguard at the pool saw Chad alone and told him to go back to his father – but failed to ensure that he went.

Mr Pringle added:

"There was a total lack of care in ensuring that this young boy didn't have a risk of drowning."

"To compound it all, even when he was spotted, he was told to go back to his dad and nothing was done."

"It was wholly, wholly inadequate that there was no lifeguard on duty on a high chair and no lifeguard patrolling up and down by the bubble lounge."

The court heard that Chad suffered "catastrophic brain injuries" and will never recover.

Upper Bay Limited denied failing to ensure Chad was not exposed to risks to his health and

safety, but were found guilty by a jury.

Judge Stephen Hopkins, QC, fined them £150,000 plus costs of £182,500 and stated:

"The boy suffered catastrophic brain damage. The company breached its own safety policy by failing to have sufficient lifeguards on duty."

Nobody was supervising the deep end of the pool at that time."

"The fact that there were so few people in the water may have been a factor in the lifeguards failing to properly supervise the deep end of the pool."

An Upper Bay Limited spokesman said: "The

tragic accident has deeply affected and saddened everyone at Trecco Bay and they will take time to digest the implications."

"We have always provided the necessary resources and regular training to ensure all staff can carry out their duties competently, professionally and, above all, to ensure the safety of both our customers and staff."

"We have also maintained that we have the highest safety standards to ensure the 175,000 annual users of the pool can enjoy swimming in a safe and secure environment."

WI is on the move to a brand new meeting place

NEWTON/PORTHCAWL WI NEWS

THE July meeting was held in Newton Schoolroom on the first day of the month and was the last time we shall be meeting there.

For our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 2, and thereafter, we will be in Gilgal Church Hall, on Woodland Avenue. Please can all members take note of the change of venue.

The summer tea went with a swing and was very well attended. It was enjoyed by everyone, including some guests from Nottage, Sker and Margam WIs and one of the Margam ladies won the 'best dressed hat for Ascot competition' – a truly beautiful creation!

The summer walk on June 24 was a most enjoyable event, again very well attended. The scenery was lovely and this year the weather was excellent. The morning ended with a delicious meal in the Jolly Sailor.

On July 3, we had a trip to St Teilo's Festival of Art and Flowers,

followed by a tasty lunch in the church hall. We then left for an afternoon in Oystermouth and Mumbles. The weather was again kind to us and we all had a good time.

On July 22, we will be going on our annual outing to Windsor.

On the morning of July 24, we are holding our summer fayre in Trinity Church with a wide selection of stalls. Everybody is welcome to come and browse and, of course, buy.

Members are still working hard to get ready for the Glamorgan Show to be held in Corneli Community Hall on August 29. It will be open to the public from 10am-6pm.

We would like to see all members, together with the public. Members who are submitting entries will need to get them in by Friday, August 26 between 11am-2pm.

For any information concerning this event, or any enquiry concerning joining our WI, please contact Judy on 01656 785477 or Pearl on 01656 782556. **BM**

Bridgend student has double celebration

STUDENT Rhodri Thomas from Bridgend has two reasons to celebrate this summer – not only has he been awarded a distinction in his Master's degree course, but for the second year running he has also been the 'face' of one of the largest music festivals in the UK, the Download Festival in Derby.

Rhodri (22), a former pupil of Archbishop McGrath Comprehensive School, studied for his BA in biblical studies at Bangor then went on to complete an MTh degree this year.

In 2008, he entered the 'Lowdown' competition to find the "Face of Download," a recent incarnation of the hard rock and metal festival held at Donnington Park since the 1980s.

The competition prize included £1,000, the chance to interview the bands backstage for the festival's internet coverage, and a contract with a London talent agency.

Rhodri said: "I'd been to Download a couple of times and came across the Lowdown competition on the festival website the day before the competition closed. I entered a 30-second video clip of why I should be selected and got through to the final round in London."

"I had to perform a series of tasks, such as conducting an interview

and doing a piece to camera in front of an audience and a panel of judges of industry experts, and was declared the winner. A few weeks later, I made my way to Derby to begin a weekend of interviewing bands and fans for the festival's internet coverage."

"The festival organisers invited me back to Download this year to co-present a bigger and better version of the Lowdown."

"The build-up began at the end of April with a series of videocasts, which culminated at the

festival itself with interviews and footage for the live internet coverage and the screens in the main arena."

"I had an even better weekend than last year as I felt more comfortable with my job and I interviewed several of my heroes, such as ex Guns 'n' Roses bassist Duff McKagan, and I bumped into Queen guitarist Brian May!"

Rhodri has applied to study for a PhD at Bangor on a part-time basis and will be returning to university in September.

Call for summer fayre donations

SKER WI NEWS

THE July meeting of Sker WI was held at St David's Church Hall, Nottage, where president Nina Charlesworth welcomed 41 members to the meeting.

The president reminded members that Sker's summer fayre would be held on Friday, July 31, at Trinity Church Hall, Porthcawl.

Items would be needed for the craft, cake, jewellery, bric-a-brac and book stalls. The fayre would open at 10.30am; tickets 80p would include coffee.

On Mondays at St

David's Hall, Nottage, at 8pm, members were invited to join line dancing classes.

Maureen Fargie was congratulated on winning a silver medal at this year's Chelsea Flower Show, an excellent achievement.

The speaker for the evening was Margaret Griffiths who, with the aid of a slide show, entertained members with an account of her seven-week visit to the Camerons, working as a voluntary worker.

On September 10, Mrs Jennifer Pitts will speak on Joyce Grenfell. Ladies are welcome to visit and see what WI is all about.

BG

Bridgend AM to hold town centre surgery

CARWYN JONES, the Assembly Member for Bridgend, will hold a surgery at 9.30am-11.30am, on Saturday, July 18, in his Bridgend constituency office, Emlyn House, 36 Caroline Street, Bridgend, CF31 1D.

Saturday morning surgery operates with an appointments system.

Home visits can be arranged by contacting the constituency office; telephone 01656 664320; or email Carwyn.jones@wales.gov.uk.

Porthcawl U3A pop in to admire a member's garden!



THE question is often asked – What is a University of the Third Age? The answer is quite simple – it is a learning co-operative of older people, which enables members to share many educational, creative and leisure activities.

Activities are organised mainly in small groups that meet regularly and by sharing their knowledge skills and experience its members

learn from each other. The U3A is said to be the only national education organisation in the United Kingdom that is run entirely by its own members.

Most U3As, like Porthcawl, offer a combination of opportunities to study, create, socialise, and in general develop a fitter mind and body.

One of Porthcawl U3A's more popular pursuits is its gardening group.

Members meet to discuss all aspects of the ancient art and, apart

The photograph shows the group on a visit to the garden of Mr and Mrs John Rees, that took place when they also visited the Newton Institute vegetable garden.

from organised excursions to Malvern and Cardiff for the annual shows, they visit other members' gardens and sometimes even offer ideas for redesign!

CM

'Rest Bay wrong place for a camper site' – says the Civic Trust



Members of Porthcawl Civic Trust and Porthcawl Town Council at the launch of THE Rest Bay petition.

A PETITION has been launched in Porthcawl to protest at plans to open a camper van site at Rest Bay.

The petition is being organised by Porthcawl Civic Trust Society and is backed by Porthcawl Town Council, where members have voted to oppose the scheme which had been put forward by officers of Bridgend County Borough Council.

REPORT by JAYNE ISAAC

The issue has been shelved for six months for further investigation, but the civic society and town council are pressing for the plan to be scrapped, because the site is unsuitable.

"Rest Bay is entirely the wrong place for this site," insisted Civic Trust secretary Caroline Vaughan.

"Apart from the fact that this is totally unsuitable for holidaymakers, as it is too far out of

town, Rest Bay is a wild, unspoilt area that must be protected."

Coun Jill Sweet said that in her view Sandy Bay should be used.

"This is the natural place for such a site. It would boost trade for the shops in New Road and would enable visitors to have easy access to all the facilities they need," she claimed.

Conservative council leader David Deere is also opposed to the plan and, as a Rest Bay councillor, said that residents there were completely against it on environmental grounds.

The petition will be collected from shoppers in town over coming weeks. Civic Trust members will be manning the bandstand collecting signatures and copies of the petition will also be placed in some of the shops locally.

'Lock your homes'

POLICE in Porthcawl are urging householders in the town to ensure their doors and windows are locked at night.

Insp Alan James said that there had been incidents with burglars gaining entry to houses which have been left insecure.

He warned that opportunist burglars can take advantage of someone leaving their home open for a few minutes while they are in the garden or pop to the shop.

He said that a few seconds to secure your home could save a lot of heartache in the long run.

Bug hunt!

THE Wildlife Trust is organising a series of activities for children over the summer holidays at Parc Slip Nature Reserve, Tondur.

The first is on Tuesday, July 21, from 10am for approximately two hours, at the visitor centre.

It is an exercise proving the beauty of bugs. The children explore outside and search for the mini-beasts!

Annual concert

LAST Friday (July 10) Maesteg Children's Choir staged their annual concert at Maesteg Town Hall where the youngsters performed a song and dance routine for two hours.

Without any prompting, they were word, tone and position perfect throughout. Credit goes to their musical director Enid-Sian Hughes.

The concert, entitled 'Fun, Fame and Fortune', consisted of numbers from West End shows. In one routine, they performed with sign language, as they will be taking part in a concert at Bristol in September, in aid of the hearing impaired.

The choir had two highly promising soloists. The first was William Gregory with his rendition of 'Any dream will do'. The other was Rhian Hughes who sang 'Hallelujah'.

There were two presentations during the concert: the first was to Stephanie John from Blaengarw by Enid-Sian Hughes for 10 years with the choir, having joined at eight years of age and now having to retire because she had reached the ripe old age of 18.

The Judith Williams loyalty award, was presented to Rhian Hughes by chairperson Annette Whittingham.

Rhian had the distinction of not missing a single rehearsal or concert put on by the choir in the previous 12 months.

Choreographer Susan Bickle does a great job teaching these children their routines. So too do Annette Whittingham, and Cerianne Evans, who design the varied costumes.

Parents of these choir

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of THE GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me. I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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children deserve a special mention for ferrying them to Plasnewydd school on Saturday mornings for the rehearsals, throughout the year.

The presenter for the evening, Tony Mullins, not only assists the choir, but is a member of Kenfig Hill male voice choir, St Michael's Church choir and the 'Noteworthy' mixed choir.

He is a Sunday school superintendent at St Michael's Church, an active member of Maesteg Amateur Operatic Society, and a member of Maesteg town hall management board.

He is also chairman of cancer research UK Cymru.

Teacher leaves

TYNRYHEOL Primary School, Llangeinor, head-teacher, Martin Griffiths, has informed me of the impending departure of a long-serving and loyal member of his staff.

Mrs Laura Morgan is leaving to take up a position as a senior learning support officer with Bridgend local education department.

Mr Griffiths would like to thank Mrs Golding for the hard work she has put into Class 3. She has also helped a number of pupils with the after-school French club.

Mrs Golding stood in for Miss Williams, who will be returning from maternity leave in September.

Last week, a number of pupils went to Llangrannog, Cardiganshire, and stayed in accommodation for two nights. They enjoyed archery, walking, and athletics.

Well done to the PTA who work so hard throughout the school year to raise funds.

Chapel triumph

LAST weekend I went to listen to the Alan Johns Commemorative Concert in the Tabernacle Chapel – what a magnificent building – so different to when I last went there as a Boy Scout!

The concert itself was outstanding, with 35 musicians who were members of eight different bands. These were: Ammanford Town, Briton Ferry, Burry Port, Corus Port Talbot, Gwaun Cae Gurwen, Ogmores Valley Silver Band, Tongwynlais Temperance Band and Tylorstown.

How these musicians had been able to rehearse together when they were spread over such a large area I do not know, but they obviously had done so under the musical director Colin Hogg, from Ammanford.

The concert started with a variety of tunes from Broadway shows, which was followed by a Swedish hymn ('How Great Thou Art') played magnificently by Mr Chris Jenkins, a member of the Burry Port band.

There was different music from the Graham Watkins quartet, who had themselves suffered the loss of their drummer Dave Prosser, whose funeral had taken place on Thursday.

The group must be admired for appearing on stage so soon after this tragic loss. They had a fine young soloist in Clare Hingot, who sang with great feeling.

The band followed with British sea songs, and Neil Sedaka's hit of 'Solitaire' played by Tim Hughes, a member of Burry Port band. All this was ended by a rendition of 'Resurgum', considered by many to be the best piece of music suitable for playing by brass bands ever produced.

The second half included the Johnny Mathis hit 'Misty' brilliantly played on the flugelhorn by Mrs Elaine Williams, who did not so much as glance at her music sheet.

The Graham Watkins quartet again performed with their female artist Clare Hingot and then alone with a xylophone solo by Ruth Barnett of Ogmores Valley Silver Band. I have never heard this musical instrument played the way this young lady plays it...

The concert finished with a piece from Wagner's 'Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral'.

The master of ceremonies was Mr David Hayward and musical director Mr Colin Hogg.

The concert raised a great total of £1,000, which was donated to a doctor from the Velindre Cancer Centre, which had provided the highest standard of care to Alan Johns.

Art show
SARN Life Long Centre's management committee (all volunteers of the Sarn and Brynceithin Community Association), thank Tondur and District Art Society, who have agreed to stage the first-ever art exhibition at the centre, over four days (August 15-18), to help publicise facilities at the centre.

SHOUT quiz
THE next meeting of SHOUT is on July 20 at 1.30pm at Dinham Close Sheltered Housing (note change of venue) when Carrie Galbraith will give a talk on 'Dispelling the myths of Healthy Eating'.

Healthy homemade cakes will be followed by the quiz session. Can any team beat the champions Kath and Peter?

For information on the SHOUT forum, Carrie can be contacted on 01656 840937.

Porthcawl Male Choir mourns the passing of chorister Aubrey

It is with sadness and regret that we must report that one of our choristers has gone to sing with the angels.

Aubrey Price of Dan y Graig, Porthcawl, passed away on Sunday evening.

Aubrey had held many offices within the choir, from social secretary to chairman, and served the Porthcawl Male Choir for more than 17 years.

Aubrey was so well respected that he recently received an

associate members' award, which included a book of his life in the choir.

He was very proud of his award and certificate, which he showed to the friends who visited him. We mourn his passing and his presence will be missed by the choir.

Alun Paget, Porthcawl Male Choir

RIGHT: Porthcawl choir had visited Aubrey and sang to him from his garden.



Traders' charges

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The traders will each be given a copy of the regulations, which will stipulate the position on the highway of each item applied for and the hours it may be left in place. The rules will also apply to A-frame signs.

The scheme will be administered by the Highway Authority, which will process the applications received.

Ms Fradd stated that the design of items like tables and chairs would be considered, and some traders may have to improve the standard of the items they already have.

If the application is approved, council inspectors will carry out periodic visits, to ensure that the applicants abide by the conditions laid down by the licence.

The licence will run for 12 months and will have to be renewed, with a new fee paid. Unlicensed boards, goods or other items will be removed by highway officers.

Ms Fradd said that the scheme would be implemented by existing staff and the fees would only cover the cost of

operating the scheme.

At this stage, it is unclear how many businesses would be prepared to apply for a licence and pay the fee in future. The scheme will run for a year and then be assessed.

She added that improved signage for the town centre will be developed in partnership with traders, to try and remove many of the A-frame signs.

Council leader Mel Nott welcomed the pilot scheme: "This will bring some order to the town centre, especially for pedestrians, as well as enhancing the overall look of the town."

"I am especially pleased that the licence fees are being waived for the first 12 months, which will help traders in these challenging economic times and give them the time and opportunity to adjust to this new scheme."

"I believe the end result will make the streets of Bridgend safer and more attractive - which can only be good news for shoppers and businesses."

Coun David Unwin, leader of Bridgend

Town Council, gave the scheme a cautious welcome and said he would be making a report on it to the next meeting of the council.

"We have a proliferation of A-boards and they should be regulated, but the tables and chairs have become an integral part of the scene in Bridgend town centre and they should be promoted."

"We do not want to upset the appellat by discouraging businesses because of this licence and we need to promote a continental flavour in the town."

Coun Unwin said that it was possible to bring in licences without charging traders and he felt that the scheme should be free.

"The charges being proposed are out of all proportion and I would only be in favour if the scheme remains free, or a very minimal charge was imposed."

"However, we will wait and see what happens at the end of the pilot scheme," he added.

TROED Y TON PROTESTORS DISAPPOINTED AFTER JUDICIAL REVIEW RULING

RESIDENTS protesting about the decision to close the Troed y Ton residential care home lost out this week when a judicial review ruled against them.

In contrast, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) welcomed the ruling, which was made by Judge Bidder QC, who con-

cluded that the decision to close Troed y Ton was made after fair and proper consultation, and with due regard to the council's duties to disabled people.

Ian Jacka, of the Troed y Ton Action Group, said that they were aware of the court's decision and were very disappointed.

He added: "We have not yet had an opportunity to read the judgement for ourselves. It is

a 40-page document and we will need to digest it before issuing any comment to the press."

Speaking on behalf of BCBC, the Leader, Coun Mel Nott, said: "We welcome this judgement because it ends a period of great uncertainty for the residents of Troed y Ton and their loved ones."

"I wish to pay tribute to the dignity with which current and former residents have con-

ducted themselves throughout this period.

"I know this has been a particularly difficult time for them but I want to reassure them that they are, and always have been, our greatest priority and they will continue to be offered the highest quality of support."

"Their move to new homes will be done with every consideration for their personal circumstances, and at a pace which is comfortable to each individual."

"Several residents have already moved from Troed y Ton in the last few months, and we continue to carefully monitor their health and wellbeing in their new homes."

He continued: "Closing Troed y Ton was a very difficult decision, which was done after a great deal of consultation and consideration. It has always offered an excellent level of care and that is not in question."

"However, we must remember why we need to do this - to allow the development of an Extra Care facility which will offer enormous benefits to many generations to come."

The development of the Bridgend county borough's first Extra Care facility will provide high-quality specialist homes for 70

people in 40 units at the purpose-built complex from 2010 onwards.

It will be funded by a £2.3m Social Housing Grant awarded by the Welsh Assembly Government and will be managed by Valleys 2 Coast Housing.

A BCBC spokeswoman added: "Extra Care is substantially different from sheltered accommodation; each home will have the latest technology to provide on-site, 24/7 care, support and security. Care will be flexible as tenants' needs change."

"For the first time in the county borough, couples who wish to remain living together once one partner's care or health needs have changed, can do so."

"This will address some of the challenges of an ageing population in the borough, where by 2015 the numbers of people over 65 will have increased by 22 per cent, those over 75 by nearly 17 per cent, and those over 85 by 23 per cent."

"It will also help manage the over-supply of residential care home provision across Bridgend county borough, which currently stands at 50 vacancies per week."

Inspector Mark gets award for his new idea



A BRIDGEND police inspector has been selected as one of only four people from the UK to receive a Queens Award for Innovation in Police Training and development.

Inspector Mark Brier, who is based at South Wales Police's learning and development unit, was royally recognised for his contribution.

In February 2008, four applicants (including Inspector Mark Brier) were selected by a judging panel and given £15,000 to bring their learning and develop-

ment enterprise ideas to life.

A police spokeswoman said: "Thanks to Mark Brier, South Wales Police are now in receipt of a fully operational driver training simulator which, for the first time in the UK, will be used to supplement police pursuit training."

"In future, the simulator will also be used to reinforce the driving skills of vulnerable groups in the community such as young and elderly people, and those who would like to return to driving after long stints away from behind the wheel."

Inspector Mark Brier with his award. The Minister for Crime Reduction, Alan Campbell is on the right and Angela O'Connor, Chief People Officer at the NPJA is on the left.

Vehicles still park in local pedestrian area

BRIDGEND'S Newcastle ward held its first solo PACT Meeting on Monday, June 29 at 7pm in the Council Chambers, Angel Street.

One of the main concerns was vehicles constantly entering and parking in the pedestrian area at the bottom of Newcastle Hill.

Neighbourhood policing officers, PCSO Christian Freeth and PC Rea David, are to raise

awareness of motorists on the restrictions of vehicles entering this area.

PCSO Freeth stated: "There is a clear sign placed at the entrance informing motorists of the restrictions."

"Regular patrols are being made in the area. The message we wish to give drivers is to comply with the restrictions; otherwise they may find themselves in receipt of a fixed penalty ticket," he warned.



Newcastle Hill parking sign.

Referral unit pupils adopt the 'Pink Bay' at Porthcawl



LEFT: Washed up nets are a regular find on the sea shore.



RIGHT: Keeping records of what was found and where.

MEMBERS of the pupil referral unit, year-10 and year-11, based at KPC Youth in Pyle, recently co-adopted Pink Bay at Porthcawl, along with the KPC charity.

It followed a suggestion from the Porthcawl Lions, who had identified an area of coastline, which was available to become part of the Marine

Conservation Society's (MSC) 'Adopt a Beach' scheme. The aim of the scheme is for the bay to be kept clean, and litter coming up on the beach to be monitored, and reported back to MSC.

This information is then used by them to monitor the effects on the environment and types of waste coming into the Bay.

The pupils undertake monitoring of

litter on a quarterly basis, and the environmental project is also part of their school curriculum - as well as giving them an appreciation of the area in which they live and the consequences litter can have on it.

They have found it interesting to discover what comes in with the tides, and also that this can change at different times of the year.

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Summer fun at Ysgol y Ferch o'r Sger

These pictures were taken by KEITH E MORGAN at the recent summer fete organised by Ysgol y Ferch o'r Sger, which was officially opened by the Mayor of Bridgend county borough, Coun Jeff Tildesley.



ABOVE:
The mayor chats to volunteers on one of the stalls at the school fete.



ABOVE RIGHT:
The Mayor with Mrs Rhianon Dixon, who takes over as the school's new headteacher in September.



RIGHT:
A special guest arrived to see the young pupils – the popular S4C TV children's character, Sali Mali.



RIGHT:
Well, they say that local politics can get a bit rough. A member of the Police Armed Response Unit shows the mayor a new way to keep control at council meetings



Stan the man opens Stroke club fete!

TRINITY CHURCH in John Street, Porthcawl, hosted the summer fete for the Porthcawl Stroke Club.

It was officially opened by the veteran entertainer, Stan Stennett, and the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Rosemary Deere, was also in attendance.



LEFT:
The Mayor asks for an autograph.



ABOVE:
'We declare this fete well and truly open!'



Popular entertainer Stan Stennett has a long association with Porthcawl, and the local stroke club members were delighted that he was able to go along.



There were plenty of fans wanting to meet Stan the Man!

**PHOTOGRAPHS by
KEITH E MORGAN**

Students take maths out of the classroom and learn to save lives

LOCAL students had a maths lesson with a difference when they learnt how the subject could help save lives, during a visit to the South & East Wales Police Air Support Unit.

The pupils from Ogmore School, Bryncethin, visited the air support unit at MoD St Athan, home to the crime-fighting Eurocopter EC 135T21 helicopter, used by South Wales Police and Gwent Police forces.

They were shown how maths is used to plot the vital journeys made by the helicopter, ensuring officers can track wanted criminals and locate missing people at risk, potentially saving lives.

The visit was hosted by South Wales Police Learning Development Services and the students also visited the RAF, south Wales motivational outreach team at the St Athan base, learning how maths is used by RAF personnel in tasks such as weight calculations when loading cargo on the C130-J Hercules aircraft.

The students also heard how maths is used in road collision investigations with PC Nick Cooper of the specialist crime operations and



ABOVE: The students posing with a helicopter

intelligence Division, who has now become a world renowned expert in the field.

The visit was part of the Think Maths project, which aims to inspire more youngsters to learn maths by showing them the exciting ways it can be used in real life with visits to an employer or university.

Air Support Unit Inspector Gary Smart said: "The students learned how maths gets our helicopter flying, and could help us save someone's life. The Eurocopter EC 135T21 is vital in catching criminals and searching for missing people.

"The helicopter can search wide, inaccessible areas quickly and can locate missing people at risk where other searches on the ground might have failed. It can mean the difference between life

and death.

"They learned all about how we use maths to calculate bearings, distances and times to make flight plans and also to calculate the fuel we need, so our potentially life-saving journeys are carried out.

"The helicopter is our most sophisticated crime fighting tool and this is just one of the many ways we are working with young people in our communities to show them the work we do."

Andrew Davies, head of maths at Ogmore School, said:

"Pupils and staff enjoyed an excellent and informative day at MoD St Athan.

Students were enlightened by the amount of mathematics being used in the workplace and the way maths is used to keep the police helicopter flying on its vital jour-

neys."

The Ogmore School group used the experience to compete against the other schools at the project finale event at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, on July 8.

They gave a presentation on their visit to MoD St Athan at the finale to be in with a chance of winning a lap top for their school.

Each school gave a presentation judged by a panel.

As part of the MoD St Athan visit, the Ogmore School students were able to put their maths skills to the test with the RAF team, trying their hand at loading cargo into a mock-up of a C130-J Hercules aircraft, working out the weight of the cargo, and considering where it should be placed to ensure the safety of the aircraft and crew.

YOUNG PEOPLE OFFER A TOUGH MESSAGE TO COMBAT SUICIDE

YOUNG people in Bridgend who have designed web pages addressing the problem of suicide have opted for a hard-hitting message – "You can't be dead just for a little while, then come back to have tea with your mum".

The pages – entitled 'Choose Life' – have been compiled by three students from Bridgend county who have all lost people close to them as a result of suicide.

The line they take, ironically, is much tougher than that taken by 'adult' suicide prevention groups such as Samaritans – where volunteers are warned not to make an already distressed person feel worse.

The web pages start with a dozen or so blunt messages, and then go on to give information to young people who may have been affected by suicide, or who have considered self-harm.

The messages say there is no second chance, point out that the result could be serious injury (rather than death) and go on to say that a suicide could be devastating for the family and friends left behind.

These are statements that Samaritan volunteers, for instance, are warned to shy away from, as people contemplating suicide already have major problems with low self-esteem and are often in extreme mental distress.

The pages were launched last week by

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

The students, who came up with the ideas themselves and approached the Bridgend Local Service Board, hope the information they have put together will appeal to their age group and make a difference to young, vulnerable people.

The web pages contain advice on where young people can get help, 'myths and facts' about suicide and personal statements about the effects of suicide on those left behind.

The students behind the project, stated: "It's a positive way of giving information to young people that's easily accessible and it offers help to people who may be going through difficult times.

"We thought by putting it on a website it would be more appealing to people our age.

"The intention now is to put it onto social networking sites, to provide the information to a wider audience."

"We're really pleased that Bridgend Local Service Board has been able to help us with this, because these web pages

mean a lot to us."

The project has been assisted by BCBC's educational psychology service and is also being supported by Welsh rugby legend JJ Williams.

One of the 'Choose Life' pages is dedicated to a message from JJ.

He said: "When I heard about this, I was very happy to give my support."

"We have seen some terrible things written about this area, but it's not the Bridgend county I know and love. I really commend the students for what they are doing."

The web pages support the work of the Bridgend Local Service Board, which has overseen a dedicated local response to the issue of suicide and support for vulnerable people.

LSB chair Dr Jo Farrar, who is also the chief executive of BCBC, said:

"When we were approached by these inspirational students with the idea of their 'Choose Life' web pages, we were very keen to support them.

"They, more than anyone else, know how it feels to lose people

they are close to, so they are best placed to reach out to their peers.

"Their pages contain excellent advice, as well as some very stark messages about suicide and are written in a way that we hope will appeal to young people, not just in this area, but all over Wales and the UK."

Dr Farrar added: "I am also delighted that JJ Williams, who is such a wonderful ambassador for this area, has given his support to this project."

"The people of Bridgend county have been subjected to the most intense media interest, resulting in some very hurtful and often unrecognisable headlines about their home."

"I hope the launch of these web pages will also send out a very positive message about the calibre and commitment of the young people of this area."

The director of Bridgend Samaritans, Darren Matthews, told The GEM that Samaritans welcomed any initiative that could help reduce suicides.

He added that the organisation had not been consulted at local or national level by BCBC before the web pages were launched.

BRIDGEND PACT MEETINGS:

THE following PACT meetings will be held in Bridgend county borough: PENCOED, Welfare Hall, Pencoed, July 22, 7.45pm.

BRACKLA, Brackla Junior School and MORFA, Penybont Junior School (both on July 30, 6.30pm).

LALESTON, BROADLANDS AND MERTHYR MAWR PACT, Laleston Gardening Club, July 30, 7pm.

LITCHARD & PENDRE, Coity Higher Community Centre, August 13, 6pm.

NEWCASTLE PACT, Civic Chambers (BCBC), Angel Street, Bridgend, August 17, 7pm.

Who wants to build what and where?

Orange – 9A Adare Street, Bridgend – illuminated fascia sign. Primesight Ltd – Blackmill Service Station, Blackmill, Bridgend – one pole mounted internally illuminated double-sided display unit. Valleys to Coast – various sites at Wildmill Estate, Bridgend – increased signage on estates showing map of area for ease of access for visitors.

Mrs R Reynolds – land formerly part of Tynwydd Farm, Bettws, Bridgend – outline application for one detached dwelling. Ogmore Vale Primary School – Ogmore Vale – install sun canopies over play area, wooden jetty Ogmore River and install three flagpoles.

Mr and Mrs Harris – 11 Parc y Berllan, Porthcawl – conservatory to rear of property. Compute (Bridgend) Ltd – 35 Caroline Street, Bridgend – making good No 35 following demolition of No 37 Caroline Street, Bridgend.

Mr I Davies – plot adjacent to 55 Brynmenyn Industrial Estate, Brynmenyn, Bridgend – raising land levels with inert material. Traditional Bakeries Ltd – 31 Talbot Street, Maesteg – restoration of

shopfront and refurbishment of building to include re-opening roof glazing. Barracuda Group Limited – Barracuda Bar, 26 Wyndham Street, Bridgend – variation of condition 2 of consent P/02/130/RLX for opening hours to be Monday to Sunday 7am-3.30am.

Mr D Linden – 23 Litchard Terrace, Litchard, Bridgend – first floor side extension and replacement double garage.

Mr P Davies – Cae Abbot Farm Holiday Cottages, Llangeinor, Bridgend – proposed front dormer window. Bridgend Custodial Services Ltd – HMP & YO1, Heol Hopcyn John, Coity – erection of new single storey workshop building.

Mr R Beynon – 8 Heol West Plas, Litchard, Bridgend – change of use into office space and rear extension, three additional bedroom units for the dwelling. Mr M Tatchell – 1 Shoemakers Row, Maesteg – detached garage to rear garden. Mr J Thomas – 128A Commercial Street, Maesteg – renewal of shopfront and associated works.

Mr G Jones – 19 River Street, Ogmore Vale, Bridgend – to adapt existing lean-to conservatory/WC to provide

ground floor shower room. Mr J Howe – 50 Underwood Place, Brackla, Bridgend – proposed playroom to replace garage and proposed conservatory. Mr D Fowler – and south of the Nicholls Arms, Coytrahan, Bridgend – relaxation of condition to extend period of time for submission of details (residential development).

Mr N Hurd – 63 New Road, Porthcawl – proposed division into two two-bedroom dwellings. J & P Residential Homes Ltd – Monkstone House, Severn Road, Porthcawl – four-bed extension to existing residential home, re-organise car parking and construct two conservatories.

Dr Griffiths and Dr Conlon – 7 Pant y Blodau, Pencoed – conversion of integral garage to living space. Mr Jones – 14 Honeyuckle Way, Brackla, Bridgend – conservatory to the rear. Messrs Williams and Brookes – 43 John Street, Porthcawl – proposed dwelling above service entrance and accommodation. Mr J Petty – 52 Orchard Drive, Porthcawl – first floor front extension with balcony alteration to porch, new utility room and dining room to rear.

Mr C Lewis – Gilead Congregational Chapel, Heol Spencer, Coity – proposed demolition of existing external store and replacement with new store. Mr G Parsons – 16 Pany y Ffynnon, Pencoed – single storey extension and loft conversion. Mr and Mrs Jarman – 27 Clos Penglyn, Pencoed – single storey extension to side.

Compute (Bridgend) Limited – 37 Caroline Street, Bridgend – proposed awning. Mrs D Curtis – 33 The Esplanade, Porthcawl – new dining area to front, additional bedroom accommodation to first and second floors and general refurbishment.

Dr SK Madelin & Partners – Oak Tree Surgery, Whitethorn Drive, Brackla, Bridgend – two-storey extension, convert vacant pharmacy unit to clinical space and increase car parking provision. Hoe Property Developments Ltd – land at Abergarw Farm, New Road, Brynmenyn, Bridgend – four detached dwellings and retention of farmhouse served by new drive.

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Dog owners who clean up after humans

THE letter in last week's GEM from Mrs Swift re camping on the meadow at Llantwit raises several further issues.

While everyone agrees that dogs should be kept under proper control, and that owners should clean up after them, the following should also be considered:

1) The dog ban was introduced on health and safety grounds, on the assumption that families with children don't have dogs; but a lot of families do, and are feeling increasingly marginalised and picked-on because they can't have a day out together.

Dog owners as a group are an easy target for council enforcement officers.

2) It's not just litter that campers leave behind - how many of them will be bothered to walk all the way to the toilets and back in the dark?

This is far more of a health threat to the children who will be playing there in the following few days - but, of course, this is ignored by the council.

3) Every evening dur-

ing fine weather, groups of young people (roughly 14-24 years old) have barbecue and drinking sessions along the top of the beach, along the cliffs, and in nearby fields.

The council cleansing teams are not allowed onto the rocks or up the paths to clear up the broken glass and sharp metal.

Instead, it's the dog walkers who do it, many of whom bring carrier bags with them every morning for just this purpose.

I alone have picked up 60-70 glass bottles on the giant boulders in front of the cafe within the last month.

If dog walkers stopped doing this, within a month, access to the beach would become too dangerous to allow children anywhere near it - but, of course, this is ignored by the council.

4) Finally, if dogs are such a threat to health and safety, could someone please explain to me why, according to all available statistics, dog owners live longer and are healthier than non-dog owners?

But, of course, this is ignored by all politicians; political correctness rules again?

Davy Cartwright, Llantwit Major

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'TURN THE CAUSEWAY INTO A PROMENADE'

THE opinions and ideas expanded by your correspondent Louise Reed in her letter published in last week's GEM, very much corresponds with my long-held ideas for the much-needed uplifting of Barry's attractions.

Unlike Ms Reed, my roots are in Barry - the home of my grandparents who lived at The Knap.

It is my father's birthplace and my children were raised here. Now our grandchildren love to visit from their home in Surrey.

I have often advocated that a new road and rail route across the wasteland below the existing raised railway would enable the Causeway to be turned into a Promenade.

This would enable a pedestrianised route to be established from Jackson's Bay to Porthkerry Park, via the Parade Gardens; all without any residential

'Llantwit councillors appear ridiculous'

WHEN the likes of Mrs Heather March and Mrs Lorna Hughes were on Llantwit town council, it was conducted with dignity.

Now, every week in The GEM all we read about is petty bickering among the members.

"It's not my fault, it's hers... they should have done that... somebody else has egg on their face." For goodness sake, the lot of you, get on with the job you are supposed to be doing!

You are starting to sound and look ridiculous. Mrs EM Davies, Llantwit Major

development. The Promenade could be designed to provide for the 'classy year-round destination' as described by our 'newcomer' to Barry.

Car parking for all visitors to The Causeway and The Island could be provided in the wasteland area where a railway terminal could also be established.

Also, the wasteland could be developed to encourage sporting activities, to include rugby and football.

I am sure that my grandfather, a Welsh rugby international player of more than a century ago, would approve.

As recently published in your 'Memories' feature of 50 years ago, he received a medal to commemorate the opening of the much-missed Knap Swimming Pool in 1926.

Any such grand improvements should include bringing back the stocks to shame and punish litter louts.

(Name and address supplied)

Campers spoil the Colhugh valley

I AGREE with Mrs Swift's letter in last week's GEM, regarding the beautiful Colhugh valley and the way it is being spoilt by numerous tents and camper vans every weekend.

These people rarely respect the lovely peaceful countryside, and build their fires with boulders from the beach

and wood cut and pulled from fences and trees.

There are no facilities for campers, such as toilets and showers. Why do we have to wait so long for action? It has been mentioned to the police and council many times.

I also am a regular dog walker and have to watch out for broken glass and discarded barbecues. P Challenger, Llantwit Major

'WE MUST ALL TAKE PRIDE IN OUR TOWN'

I REFER to an article published in The GEM last week concerning the failure of the Vale Council cleansing department to clean up Llantwit Major after the Victorian fayre.

I wish to put the matter straight as the contents of the article infer that I questioned the integrity of Janet Moisan, one of the organisers of the fayre, which is absolutely untrue.

At a meeting of Llantwit Major Town Council on June 30, Coun Austin, who presided in the absence of the Mayor, expressed his concerns that the Vale Council had failed to respond to the organisers' request for extra waste bins and to start the clean-up after the fayre closed on the Saturday.

I told the meeting that I would check with the waste management department why this did not happen.

I contacted the Vale Council cleansing department and the operational manager, Clifford Parish, told me that no request had been made to him.

I then forwarded the reply to your reporter, who was about to report on the issue in The GEM.

It was only later in the week that the events officer of the Vale

Council contacted me to tell me that there had been a breakdown in communications between the waste management department and herself over the clean-up operation.

My comments to your reporter always referred to "the organisers" not one individual and I did not "make an unwarranted attack" as claimed by Mrs Moisan.

In future, I suggest that the organisers contact one of the Vale councillors to follow up the requests to the council.

The question that needs to be asked, is why was all the rubbish spread around Llantwit Major in the first place?

There is no excuse for smashing plastic glasses around the memorial and leaving the town in such a mess; we need everyone to take pride in our town.

Finally, I wish to thank Mike Bibey our road sweeper and his colleagues from the Vale Council for doing an excellent job in the Sunday morning clean-up after the event. Coun Gwyn John, Llantwit Major

FOOTNOTE: The GEM article did not imply that Coun John had been critical of any individuals concerned, but merely reported comments that were made to our reporter.

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'We will respond, but more detail is needed'

BRYNEITHIN CAMPAIGN GROUP TO GIVE ITS VERDICT ON FUTURE OPTION FOR CARE HOME

A MEMBER of the Keep Bryneithin Open Group has said it will respond to the Vale Council's invitation to provide views on the proposed options which will dictate the residential home's future.

Earlier this year, the council carried out a 12-week consultation concerning the future of Bryneithin Care home – arriving at four possible courses of action:

- Refurbish the home and maintain the current number of places.
- Refurbish the home and increase the number of places.
- Close the home and rebuild a new home on

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

the current site.

● An independent sector provision (including whether all the residents in Bryneithin could be accommodated together in another home or unit in the Vale, that specialises in the care of older people with mental ill health).

A Vale Council scrutiny committee wants feedback on the options, and Sylvia Bowen of Keep Bryneithin Open Group said they would provide views, but would have liked more detail on the proposals.

She said: "We obviously want the home kept open and refurbished – but our paramount concern is that the residents

are not moved.

"If there was going to be a refurbishment and an increase in the number of residents, again, our belief is that it must done in a way that does not disrupt the current residents."

Mrs Bowen said the latest inspection report had been excellent and that proved the home had a justifiable future.

She added: "We will respond to the council, but it is difficult to offer judgements without more details in the options on offer."

Vale Labour member Richard Bertin told The GEM: "This is a wonderful site which has so much to offer. A care

facility must remain at Bryneithin and Labour is right behind developing the site into an older persons' village – nothing less!"

If people have any comments on the options, they should be sent, by the end of July, to the committee chairman via Mrs Karen Bowen, scrutiny and committee services officer, Civic Office, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU.

A Vale Council spokesman promised: "Further representations will be taken into consideration by the director of social services in preparing an appraisal of the options for the future of the home."

'Chips and Chat' evening ends Penarth computer club's season

IT is so useful to have a spread of talents available among members. Wally has a good line in tweaking photographs which he has demonstrated several times to members of Penarth Computer Club by creating a picture quiz, but not this time – he wanted a break.

Step up Mike J who offered to do a music quiz at the 'Chips and Chat' social evening that the club traditionally uses to round off the season.

Mike had spent a few hours going through his CD music collection and chose many tracks which he copied to his computer. He then converted them

to MP3 files – a form of compression that allows lots of music tracks to be squeezed onto a CD.

Having got the music onto a computer and converted to MP3 format Mike used an editing programme to cut them into short snippets of about 15 seconds each.

These he burnt onto a CD so that he could simply play the whole track with three second gaps between each piece of music.

The short gap adds a little more pressure as now the listener has to quickly write down the answer before the next piece of music plays.

In deference to the audience, the music selected was chosen to be about as old as they are. (No further comment on that aspect!)

This was followed by a selection of TV signature tunes... You know – the ones you can easily hum along to, but cannot for the life of you remember the programme they introduce.

The quiz was won by Steve who was able to recognise music that is probably older than he is; as well as a certain familiarity with TV tunes that makes one wonder. But, then he is a keen music fan and plays guitar at gigs.

The chips arrived and the animated chats got under way.

Some bottled water, tea and biscuits were provided and some members brought their own beverages.

During this stage, the meeting raffle was held for the modest meeting prize. This was followed by the big draw

at the year end for members-only prizes of £80; £40 and £20 towards the cost of the winners, computer-related purchases.

These were won by Mildred S; Christine W and Wally D respectively.

Congratulations to them and we wait to discover how they opt to spend the money.

At the close of the meeting members were reminded that the next meeting would be an open evening.

They were invited to bring along their laptops to show visitors what they do, and how they make good use of computers – all part of living up to our motto of being 'The Friendly Club'.

For more information, telephone 029 2070 8439. HD

RUDYARD KIPLING SAID IT ALL

REFER to the current debate on the need for British forces to be in Afghanistan and the quality of their equipment.

I support the campaign, on the basis that it should make us all safer by depriving terrorists of their bases.

However, it is clear that the lives of our troops are being put at risk because of poor (or missing) equipment, notably helicopters and armoured vehicles.

The responsibility for these losses lies, clearly in my opinion, with the Ministry of Defence, whose procurement systems are defective, and HM Treasury who refused to provide the necessary funds during the time Gordon Brown was Chancellor.

Such betrayals – and the way politicians try to avoid blame for their failures – are nothing new.

I attach extracts from a poem by Rudyard Kipling which says it all, even though it was written in 1917.

Gavin Davies, Penmark

*They shall not return to us, the resolute, the young,
The eager and whole-hearted whom we gave:
But the men who left them thriftilly to die in*

*their own dung,
Shall they come with years and honour to the grave?*

Our dead shall not return to us while Day and

Night divide—

Never while the bars of sunset hold.

But the idle-minded overlings who quibbled

while they died,

Shall they thrust for high employments as of

old?

Even while they soothe us, while they promise

large amends,

Even while they make a show of fear,

Do they call upon their debtors, and take counsel

with their friends,

To confirm and re-establish each career?

Their lives cannot repay us—their death could

not undo—

The shame that they have laid upon our race.

But the slothfulness that wasted and the arrogance that slew,

Shall we leave it unabated in its place?

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Torchwood – above the police, but not in Sully!

JOHN Barrowman (Captain Jack Harkness of the BBC drama show *Torchwood*) opened Sully Primary School fete on July 4.

In the show, of course, *Torchwood* is "above the police", but he was not pulling rank when he met Acting Chief Supt Liane James and Chief Inspector Jay Dave!

On the police stand, he also met Sully's neighbourhood PCSO Surinder Taak and other local police officers.

Acting Chief Superintendent Liane James, said: "It is by meeting local residents in their own communities at events such as the



Sully school fete that we can address their concerns and reassure them."

As well as providing crime prevention advice, the Neighbourhood Team also launched a new public reassurance game called 'Crime

John Barrowman meets Acting Chief Superintendent Liane James, PCSO Surinder Taak and PC Emma Mudie (on left) at the Sully school fete.

Countdown'. Children and parents were invited to guess how many sweets four jars held, but the number of sweets corresponded to the Vale's "positive crime reduction" messages, a spokesperson explained.

For example, one jar held 302 jelly beans, "the same amount of people saved from becoming a victim of crime as a result of the 12 per cent reduction in criminal damage in the area in the past five years".

There were also jars based on "reductions in autocrime, dwelling burglaries and crime overall".

The winner of the competition would be

drawn at the end of July and announced on www.ourbobby.com, and then invited to tour police headquarters.

The tool kits for both the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend versions of Crime Countdown would be available for officers to use at school fetes and open days throughout the summer.

The police dog handling team were also on hand to demonstrate the role of police dogs in helping to find missing people and in arresting offenders.

Penarth neighbourhood officer PC Steve Gunney bravely volunteered to go into the stocks for 30 pence a shot!

Barry's Miss Wales hopeful in Joshua Foundation challenge

RIGHT: Max Glover, Robert Hogg, Georgina Giggs, Kathryn Lane and Craig Bowden teamed up against the other finalists in a scary challenge at a south Wales dive centre.



MISS WALES hopeful Georgina Giggs, from Barry recently joined other contestants from across Wales to scale new heights at Chepstow dive centre.

Georgina spent the day taking part in team-building exercises with fellow Miss Wales and Mister Wales hopefuls, in aid of The Joshua Foundation.

The Miss and Mister Wales finalists took part in The Joshua Foundation challenge day at the national div-

ing and activity centre in Chepstow.

A total of 20 Miss Wales and 17 Mister Wales finalists spent the day abseiling, shelter building and knot tying.

Georgina said: "The day was a great opportunity for us to learn some new skills, have some fun, meet the other finalists and, most importantly, raise money for The Joshua Foundation".

The finalists were sponsored by family during the challenge day. All cash collected from sponsorship will go towards the total amount raised for The Joshua Foundation by this

year's 90 Miss and Mister Wales finalists.

Sarah Cornelius, chief executive of The Joshua Foundation said: "The girls and boys have done a fantastic job fundraising this year, and we are extremely grateful for all their hard work over the past few months."

"We are only a little short of the £100,000 target for this year's competition, so every penny counts at the moment. If we reach the £100,000 goal, it will not only be a fantastic achievement for the finalists, it will also help to make a huge difference to the lives of chil-

dren with cancer".

As part of this year's competition, the Miss Wales finalist who has raised the most money for The Joshua Foundation individually will be presented with the award for 'Beauty with a Purpose', by Julie Morley, chair of the Miss World Organisation, at the charity ball, being held at the Mercure Holland House tomorrow, July 17.

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TRIPLE SUCCESS AS THE BRIDGEND COLLEGE STARS IN LEARNDIRECT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CEREMONY

BRIDGEND College scooped three top awards at the regional leardirect Achievement Awards ceremony, held recently at the Millennium Stadium.

The event was hosted by Noreen Bray of Good Relations Wales and the awards were presented by John Griffiths AM, Deputy Minister for Skills at the Assembly.

The college took the leardirect Centre of the Year Award for the centre that has used technology, outreach centres or partnerships with other organisations innovatively – to provide outstanding customer care and tutor support for their learners.

It recognised the dedication of Bridgend College staff in support-

ing and guiding learners through their learn direct courses, of which 65 per cent of the courses were classified as Skills For Life (SFL) which include literacy and numeracy materials.

Bridgend College has helped over 2,400 learners on 3,200 courses in the last year, with over 22,000 learners since 2002. It has also helped learners to achieve over 5,800 Vocational Relevant Qualifications (VRQs) in the last 12 months.

The Learner Support Award was awarded to Daniel (Danny) Beckinsale in recognition of his outstanding support to learners at the centre and at many community sites in the borough.

Danny has helped many hundreds of learners over the years with many students being inspired to progress on to other courses such as literacy, numeracy and IT as well as courses that offer 'soft' skills such as 'finding a job' and 'healthy living'.

In retaining the Working with Employers Award, the College was nominated by the Post Office for its commitment to supporting their learners in developing new skills.

As the Post Office operates 24 hours a day, the staff from the centre regularly provides advice, guidance and support to the night shift up to midnight.

Two Bridgend College leardirect stu-

dents were also 'highly commended' in the Skills for Work Award, which recognises learners who have undertaken leardirect learning in order to return to work, and the Progression Award, which acknowledges individuals who have undertaken leardirect learning and are now furthering their learning to pursue a new career or lifestyle.

David Mather, E-Learning manager said: "We were thrilled just to be nominated for the awards, due to the very high standard of nominees."

"The awards reflect the hard work of the staff at the college, who are dedicated to helping people from all walks of life learn new skills."

"It also reflects the dedication of the learners looking to improve their skills and progress to other education or



David Mather receives Working with Employers Award (left to right): Sarah Jones, Chief Executive for Ufi/leardirect Ltd, David Mather and John Griffiths AM, Deputy Minister for Skills.

employment opportunities". leardirect's strength is its flexibility. People can drop in to the centre to use the computers, but as most of the material is on-line, many access their course from home or at a local library at a time convenient to them. Winners from the

Regional Award Ceremonies will be invited to attend the National Awards Ceremony in October 2009.

A spokesperson said that Bridgend College has in excess of 15,000 full and part-time students, with over 300 courses delivered across

its four campuses and in the workplace. We are also the largest provider of Higher Education courses of any FE College in Wales with over 1,000 Higher Education students studying HNCs, HNDs and degrees locally at Bridgend College.



Bridgend College Team receives leardirect Centre of the Year Award (left to right): Sarah Jones, Chief Executive for Ufi/leardirect Ltd, John Griffiths AM, Deputy Minister for Skills, Lindsey Kent, David Mather, Daniel Beckinsale and Adrian Beynon, Assistant Principal, Bridgend College.



Daniel Beckinsale receives Learner Support Award.

Lock's Lane proposals get the go-ahead

Controversial plans to develop land at Lock's Lane have been approved by Bridgend planners.

Porthcawl Athletic Association has received consent to install catchball fencing, a spectator stand and a Scansis artificial pitch on the land adjoining its present playing field complex.

The land was donated to the community, as part of the deal to allow Redrow to build new homes – but there has been opposition to the plans from nearby residents, who want it retained for informal play and a public open space.

In a report to the development control committee, planning officer Dave Llewellyn said that the development included creating a new football pitch, which would be enclosed by a crowd control fence.

The western boundary would have a 6ft-high catch ball fence with a 12ft-high fence on the northern and southern sides of the pitch.

Gates would be provided within the fencing to allow public access to the field. A spectator shelter measuring 36ft long x 9ft high and 8ft wide will be built on the eastern side of the pitch.

It will be made of dark green steel cladding and two small dug outs will also be provided.

The all-weather Scansis pitch will be located north of the existing pavilion and will be enclosed by 7ft high catchball fencing.

It will be lit by two floodlights on diagonally opposite corners attached to 24ft high columns.

The Scansis pitch will be used by junior teams up to 10 years of age for training.

It has been agreed that all the gates must be locked into the open position to allow unobstructed public access to the playing field, apart from when the pitch is in use for matches.

Objections were lodged by Porthcawl Civic Trust Society which stated that Lock's Lane was mainly a single track and was unsuitable for any increase in traffic which the football matches would create.

The site was not easily accessible by public transport and there were inadequate parking places.

They argued that the fencing would be obstructive and out of keeping with the surrounding area.

They also argued that the floodlights would be visible from Lock's Common and they wanted the land retained as a public open space and as a community facility.

The police expressed concern that the proposed spectator stand could act as a magnet for local youths and become a hot spot for anti-social behaviour.

Objections were also lodged by residents of surrounding houses and streets, but 387 letters of support were submitted by the applicants.

Giving the background, Mr Llewellyn said that when permission was granted to Redrow in 2004 to build 40 houses on land north of Lock's Lane, it was subject to a section 106 agreement – which required them to provide playing fields on this land, which would be transferred to the ownership of the council.

A covenant was imposed which stated that the land should not be for any other purpose than as an open space and playing fields for the benefit of the public.

The existing playing fields at Lock's Lane, which have been there for the past 60 years, have been used by Porthcawl AFC since 1994 and they would use the new facilities.

The site is leased by the council, which owns all the land, to Porthcawl Athletic Association which manages the area for them.

PAA is an umbrella organisation which was set up by the town's football, athletics and cricket clubs to provide

sports facilities.

It has 620 members of all ages. It is non-profit making and is a registered charity and has 620 members of all ages.

Mr Llewellyn said that all the objections had been analysed but none was felt to be such that permission could be refused as the scheme complies with council policy, and does not adversely affect highway safety, privacy or visual amenities or significantly harm, the amenity of neighbours.

Permission was granted, subject to a number of conditions. Restrictions to be imposed include no more than two pitches to

be in use at any one time.

Weekday training sessions will also be limited, so that issues about car parking and highway safety can be safely contained.

Busy Sunday for Porthcawl RNLI lifeboat

THE Porthcawl RNLI Lifeboat was kept busy last Sunday (July 12) on a day when there were two fatalities in the area.

Early in the morning, at 7.30am, it was called to assist in the recovery of a body washed ashore at Newton Beach.

An RNLI spokesman said: "The crew searched, in case there were any other connected casualties. This search was called off and the body was recovered by Porthcawl Coastguard unit."

South Wales Police have issued an appeal in relation to this death (see report below).

Later in the day, at 4.55pm, the lifeboat was called out to assist Porthcawl Lifeguards on Sandy Bay with a surfer in difficulties outside the surf line.

The casualty was returned to the beach with no injuries.

Almost immediately, the boat was then sent to search for a missing swimmer at Port Talbot, although the search was soon called off.

In this instance, the body of an 18-year-old man, who had been swimming in Llewellyn's Quay, was later recovered from the docks, prompting warnings about the dangers of swimming in unsuitable areas.

Police appeal after body found on Newton beach

POLICE in Bridgend are seeking information from the public, following the discovery of the body of a 67-year-old man on Newton Beach, Porthcawl early on Sunday morning (July 12).

Police are not treating the death as suspicious and a file is being prepared for the coroner.

However, officers are trying to trace the movements of the man who was last seen on Coity Road in Bridgend at 11pm on Saturday night.

Anyone with information with regard to this incident is asked to contact DI Jason Redrup at Bridgend CID on 01656 679518.

with short grey/brown hair. He was wearing a dark grey 'bomber jacket' and dark grey trousers.

Detective Inspector Jason Redrup, of Bridgend CID, said: "We are investigating the incident; and while there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the unfortunate death of this man, we are trying to find out what happened after he was last seen on Coity Road in Bridgend at 11pm on Saturday night."

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PORTHCAWL YMCA LOOK PROUDLY BACK OVER 100 YEARS OF HIGH ACHIEVEMENT

THE AGM of Porthcawl YMCA has heard of the successful celebration of the organisation's centenary over the past year.

President John Berry told mayor Rosemary Deere, chamber of trade president Lindsay Morgan and others present that, despite special celebrations held throughout the year, the day-by-day work of the organisation continued unabated.

"As one era closes, a new one commences and we are now into the first year of our second century – but we don't necessarily feel any different!"

"Inevitably there are changes, but the core remains. The youngsters are as noisy as ever. Building improvements and refurbishment continue under scrutiny. The leadership teams remain steady – some a little more grey!"

He referred to the original founding fathers of the YMCA 165 years ago and said so much had happened and changed in Britain and in the world since the movement was founded.

Mr Berry paid tribute to the work of chairman John Hornsby, his wife Margaret and to all involved with the organisation in Porthcawl.

Mr Hornsby presented a report on the activities of centenary year and he paid tribute to the work done by Mr Berry, who has been involved with the YMCA for 50 years – half of that time in Porthcawl.

He referred to the work done for children and young people, including the after school club and the holiday club. They are led by Adam Phillips and Linda Abrahams and they were both thanked, along with their teams of helpers.

During centenary year, the organisation was able to raise £1,500 for the international YMCA movement YCare. Porthcawl received the Les Howells trophy for its efforts in this field.

Mr Hornsby stated that the YMCA proved to be a popular venue with outside organisations who use it for their meetings – including Churches Together, Porthcawl Museum Society,

Porthcawl Civic Fund, AM surgeries and craft fairs.

Mr Hornsby said that finances remained the same as last year – with a break-even position. A decrease in the numbers attending the after school and holiday clubs was balanced by increased fundraising and a generous bequest from George Jackson, who had lived in the town all his life and was a member of the YMCA for at least 80 of his 97 years.

"We will miss him. He was a building trustee and we are grateful to have been remembered in his will."

Mr Hornsby said that the trustees were re-appraising the use of the building and wondering if they needed two full-size snooker tables because of limited space – although as they weigh two tons each, getting them out of the building would be a mammoth task.

"We recently obtained a surveyor's report into the state of the building which confirmed that our best option will be to completely rebuild, rather than trying to renew within the existing shell."

The organisation will now get detailed drawings and seek outline planning consent before starting its quest for the funding for such a major project.

During the evening, poet Ann Murphy of Porthcawl launched her new book of poetry called *Last Legs* – which takes a look at ageing in a fun way.

Ann, who is 71, explained that she had powerful memories of the older people in her life as a child, including her strong-willed grandmothers and aunts.

She is donating the profits from the sale of her book to the YCare branch of the YMCA.

John Berry thanked her and said that she was a lady of many talents: "Ann has already published three books of poems, but these new poems are different. Many of her poems have a Christian base and reflect her views on growing old. I can identify with much that she is saying here."

The books are available at the YMCA, price £3.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY KEITH E MORGAN



ABOVE:
The meeting of Porthcawl YMCA opened with performances by the after-school club.



ABOVE: Future sci-fi special effects technician Joshua made an alien come alive.



ABOVE:
Local artist Jane Malvisi gave a talk.



Kevin Boscott, the honorary treasurer of Porthcawl YMCA.



ABOVE: Joshua was the ventriloquist, and Lewis was his puppet.



Mr John Hornsby chaired the meeting.



ABOVE:
Ethan played the piano.



LEFT:
Jason Horton from Bryntirion Comprehensive explained how working with the YMCA had helped him gain his Duke of Edinburgh award.

RIGHT:
Local poet Ann Murphy launched a new book of poetry, and profits will be donated to the YMCA.



Maesteg student Bethan learns how to speak the 'language of the landscape'

GEOGRAPHY student Bethan Lewis from Maesteg has left the lecture room behind to gain a unique insight into how much of the south Wales landscape is shaped.

Bethan, who is studying at the University of Swansea, has joined the team at the Forestry Commission Wales office in Resolven on a five-week placement to discover how they manage the largest urban forest in western Europe.

The experience has been made possible by the Amnawdd sponsorship scheme, which aims to provide career opportunities for Welsh speakers in environmental fields by providing suitable work placements.

FC Wales has joined forces with CCW and Environment Agency Wales to work with universities and other agencies to increase the numbers of Welsh-speaking experts in environmental fields.

Bethan will experience the entire breadth of FC Wales' work in

the south Wales forest, from finding out how FC Wales manages its popular mountain bike trails and combats forest crime, to seeing what goes in to the day to day forest management with the local area teams.

She will also spend time with the forest district's planning forester, Gareth Roberts – himself once a geography student – whose job is to ensure the woodlands of the future meet people's hopes and aspirations.

Dai Jones, FCW forest district manager, said: "We're delighted

to have Bethan join our team to see the huge range of skills required to manage this vast area of forest in a way that meets people's needs both today and in the future.

"The forest sector offers many opportunities for an exciting and rewarding career, working in new areas of technology as well as developing practical skills, and we are delighted to back Amnawdd's aims to increase Welsh-medium provision in the higher education sector in environmental fields.

"We provide support for our staff to learn Welsh, so hopefully Bethan's presence might have a positive impact here, as well by raising awareness of the Welsh language!"

Bethan is one of four Amnawdd students gaining experience with FC Wales. The others are Jordan Owen, who is based in Llandovery, Hannah Povey, based in Dolgellau, and Eifion Davies, who is finding out about the work of the FC Wales Woodlands for Learning team in Llanrwst.

CLIVE DAVIES



ABOVE:
Eleanor, Hannah, Sarah and Katie sang 'Let it Be'.

THE SIX BELLS, PENMARK

CELEBRATES ITS 1ST ANNIVERSARY

A visit to The Six Bells in village of Penmark is 'like rediscovering an old friend'

Words by TIM CHAPMAN
Photos by GLYN EVANS



THE Six Bells Pub and Restaurant in Penmark last Friday celebrated its first anniversary under new management – which has seen a remarkable surge in its popularity.

The pub nestles in the Vale countryside between Barry and Llantwit Major, and was taken over a year ago by three friends – James Barnsley, Taran Pryce-Jones and Julie Hawkins – who had a vision of returning the pub to its former glory.

James said: "Julie labelled our first year 'team turnaround' and that is what we've done.

"The aim of our second year is to build on the new consistency and reputation."

The three partners each have complementary skills, which have contributed to The Six Bells' new-found success.

James explained: "Taran was instrumental in setting things up, dealing with all the health and safety and legal issues.

"Julie's enthusiasm is infectious – she started off thinking she was going to be behind the bar like Bet Lynch for a week or two, and has ended up not being able to get enough of the place!"

"I carry out the day-to-day running of the business."

The Six Bells had suffered from more than a decade of management changes that would have made even a struggling Premiership football club blink.

"There had been 11 landlords in 11 years – but the most affectionate memories people have of The Six Bells were the days of Don Hall, more than a decade ago.

"Don was known all over the Vale and when we took over we put up his picture on the wall – we'd found it in the attic! When people come in they say: 'It's lovely to see Don's picture'."

"What the pub needed was some TLC and, with

the refurbishment in the last 12 months that's what we've done."

The Six Bells dates back to the 1500s and it is now a mixture of the traditional and modern; oak beams and fireplaces in the bar and lounge blend with a bright décor and contemporary feel.

The menu is comprehensive and covers starters, a grill selection, a mouth-watering 'pub favourites section' – with offerings including 'beer battered fish of the day', 'goats cheese and red onion tartlet' and 'mushroom and baby corn stroganoff'; an array of chef's signature dishes, along with very reasonably priced 'lunchtime light bites'; and baguettes and paninis for people wanting a quick lunch.

James said: "Our strategy has been to offer top quality food at reasonable prices. We have meal deals that start at two courses for just £10, and a two-course Sunday lunch is £10.95.

"We've got a really knowledgeable kitchen brigade – as we call them – led by our head chef, David Aston.

"They have previous experience in Gilbys and Egerton Grey.

"Where possible, we source our produce locally, and our meat is all from Wales."

James acknowledges that much of the success of the last 12 months has been due to the response of villagers.

"I can't fault the support of the village. They have seen the efforts we've made and have responded by bringing

along family and friends.

"We've played our part by getting involved in local events, such as the music festival last September, and the National Gardens Scheme day last month.

"We put on burgers, hotdogs and drinks outside the pub and the village put on a minibus to ferry people to the gardens that were open – it was a great day."

With the Parish Church of Penmark literally yards away from The Six Bells, it's worth remembering that apart from the lounge, bar and dining room, there is also a function room which can cater for weddings, business meetings and corporate events.

The Vale Council recently agreed to put up a 'Six Bells' sign for customers driving in the direction of Barry, and the partners hope one might be added on the other side of the road in due course – but for prospective clients, the rule is: *head for the village of Penmark and you can't miss The Six Bells!*

"We are getting more and more trade from the airport and, as our reputation has spread.

"We've had people come from as far away as Newport to the east and Swansea to the west."

On July 10, the partners and staff and their families and friends, along with Penmark villagers, gathered to celebrate a first year of real achievement.

James added: "We think a visit to The Six Bells is rather like rediscovering an old friend."



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ABOVE:
Kyle Williams pulling a pint!

ABOVE LEFT:
Two of The Six Bells' partners, Julie and James, welcomed family, friends and regulars to the celebration evening.



ABOVE:
Family and friends attended the first anniversary celebrations.

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St Theodore's Church fete beats the weather

AT the summer fete at St Theodore's Church in Kenfig Hill, much of the activity was indoors.

It was opened by Mr Neil Davies, the headteacher of Mynydd Cynffig Junior School.

The theme of the day was 'nursery rhymes' and there was music from the Mid-Glamorgan Accordion Band.



ABOVE: It wasn't just the children who adopted the nursery rhyme theme!



RIGHT: Two of the young fancy dress competitors with church members and Rev Richard Spencer.



ABOVE: Face painting was very popular.



ABOVE: Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee.



ABOVE: Plants were popular, and the money went to church funds.



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ABOVE: The headteacher at Mynydd Cynffig Junior School, Mr Neil Davies, opens the fete as Rev Richard Spencer looks on.

'Elvis' helps out St John's Church

ST JOHN'S Church in Newton, Porthcawl, had a special guest at its summer fete.

Elvis tribute artist Dave Smith sang some of Mr Presley's best-known tunes, and he also presented prizes to the children in the fancy dress competition, where the theme was 'Pirates'.



Elvis tribute artist Dave Smith was a busy man. Apart from his singing, he presented fancy dress prizes (left), posed with local cadets, and joined some of his fans for a photographic memento (below).



LEFT: Some old favourites are always popular. There is nothing like a magic show to capture the imagination of children.

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Ysgol Iolo Morganwg in Cowbridge is celebrating its 30th birthday

Welsh school waves the flag with pride!

THE Welsh medium school, which serves the western Vale including Llantwit Major, has marked its 30th anniversary with a series of events culminating in a grand concert involving every child staged at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg in Barry.

Ysgol Iolo owes its origins to a very determined group of pioneering parents who wanted a Welsh medium school for their children.

One of those involved was Carys Whelan of St Hilary, who is still an active supporter of the school.

She recalled: "In the early 1970s, the only Welsh school in the area was in Barry, and we parents had to ferry our children there ourselves – there was no school transport."

"We started a campaign to get a Welsh school in Cowbridge and we began by knocking on doors in the town and surrounding villages to see if there was support. This was in 1973."

The old Glamorgan County Council told them that if they could get 10 children in the rising five age group, they would provide a teacher.

"Y Bont Faen was just moving out of its old school into new buildings being built behind," she said. "The old buildings were going to be empty, and we were told that a class could be set up in it, and would be run as part of Y Bont Faen under Miss Williams, who was the head of that school."

As it turned out, building work was delayed and the new Welsh class was actually staged in Maendy Junior School for six months until there was room for them in the old Bont Faen.

The education authority also agreed at the last minute to transfer children already at school in Barry to the new class.

"We had one class with children of all ages in it," she recalled. "They were taught by Mrs Ann Thomas."

A public meeting was held, attended by Gwilym Humphreys, head of Rhydfelen Comprehensive as well as Rachel Williams, head of the Welsh school in Barry.

"Everyone was very helpful and we had terrific support, especially from people in Llantwit Major," added Mrs Whelan.

After transferring to the old Bont Faen buildings, the Welsh class gradually grew. Initially, they were part of Y Bont Faen and the children shared assembly and had their meals all together.

The school started with three mixed age classes and the head was Mrs Glesni Whettleton, and then Catherine Watkin Hughes.

The story since then has been one of steady growth.

The present head is Dylan Evans, who started there in November 2007.

"We currently have 153 pupils, but in September we will have 196," he said. "That includes the nursery class. We work closely with the Cylch Meithrin in Cowbridge, which takes children from two and a half and then they come to us at three and a half."

Mr Evans said that the school was well supported by the entire community of the western Vale.

"About 30 per cent of our children come from Llantwit and I want people to know that we have free school transport these days," he said. "We also have terrific support from all the community in Cowbridge including the shop keepers. Parental involvement is tremendous."

Mr Evans said that parents were beginning to realise the advantages that speaking Welsh conferred on their children, even if they did not speak it themselves.

"There is a growing demand for Welsh medium education in this area and generally throughout the Vale," he said.

"It gives children an extra chance in life and learning a second language makes it easier to learn others as well. We teach French and Spanish here to our pupils from the age of five."

The school has achieved success in many different spheres and 95 per cent of its pupils leave having achieved Level 4 in all subjects including Welsh.

The school has strong cultural traditions and has always done well at the Urdd, winning a number of prizes at various eisteddfodau over the years.

Its choir won for three years running in its category at the main eisteddfod. The school has also been awarded the green flag as an eco school.

"We have reorganised the curriculum in the past year or so to raise standards in maths and literacy," he added.

Mr Evans praised the governors for their support and said that the school has strong links with the library, church and chapel in Cowbridge.

They also collaborate with Y Bont Faen school which backs onto it and Mr Evans said he had enjoyed a good working relationship with outgoing head Sue Dodd and hoped to develop good links with the new head Meic Griffiths.

The school is in the process of applying for Investors in People status and will work to renew the School Quality Mark in 2010.

"We will also be having a large focus on the more able and talented pupils to ensure that every child that comes to us develops his or her full potential," he added.

"Ysgol Iolo and its staff and pupils have acted as ambassadors for the Welsh language in the area for the past 30 years and I am very proud of our achievements. It is a very successful school and we intend to ensure that this goes on."

"The school will be full in September and we will have to look at the issues of accommodating growing numbers of pupils in the future."



The school raised £1,300 for the NSPCC.



The shield winners in the Welsh book competition.



The school's choir has won three successive eisteddfodau.



Celebrating World Book Day.

A second class was added under Myra Phillips and then a third.

In 1979, it was decided to set up a fully-fledged Welsh school in the building and the name was suggested by parent John Hefflin.

"I was chairman of the parents' association," said Mrs Whelan. "We had to finance all our own transport. The council did not put any buses on and we used to fund-raise to pay for buses and taxis. It was a big commitment."

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Barry Scout Fete is a great success



ABOVE:
The crowd were
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AS we reported in last week's GEM, the Barry Scout and Guide Fete, held once again in Romilly Park, proved to be a great success.

Although it did rain at the start, just as the main parade was beginning, the rain clouds then moved away and the crowds enjoyed an afternoon of fun in the sunshine... something confirmed by all the smiling faces on this page!



ABOVE:
These four young ladies were
clearly
enjoying the day!



BELOW:
There were many prizes on offer
in the grand prize draw.

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PUKKA POTENTIAL

Now booking:
Sept 19th - Dec 5th 2009

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Where: Crossways Church.
When: Saturday 9.30-12pm
Sept 19th - Dec 5th.
Cost: £150
Age group: 7+
Deposit to be paid now: £75

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Pukka Petites is a group for the little ones and will concentrate upon confidence building, spatial awareness, group work, vocal projection, focus and concentration. The process of creating the performances will be just as important as the performance itself.

Once the children turn 7, they will be automatically accepted into the main theatre school.

Where: Crossways Church
When: Saturdays 12.30-2pm.
Sept 19th - Dec 5th.
Cost: £100
Age group: 4-6
Deposit to be paid now: £50



PUKKA Plus

Now booking:
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For some children, theatre is a bit of fun, a confidence builder, a friendship building opportunity or a buzz of excitement. For others, it's all those things, plus something they may want to take more seriously.

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Sept 14th - Nov 30th
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Cost: £150
Age group: Recommended 11+
(entry by audition)
Deposit to be paid now: £75.

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LATEST NEWS FROM BRYNHILL GOLF CLUB LADIES SECTION

Keen competition marks the season so far for ladies

RESULTS for the season so far at Brynhill ladies section are as follows:
Parkstone qualifier: winner, Rose Pitman, 72 nett; second, Carole Bumford, 73.

Australian
Spoons: winner, Robbie Lee and Julie Morgan, 36 points; second, Olwen Thomas and Julie Harkin, 32 points.

Jo Whitehouse Cup: winner, Helena Coombes, 35 points (over back six from Glynis Gould).

GUV Centenary: winners, Lynda Lloyd and Liz Taylor, 40 points; second, Helena Coombes and Linda Hewlett with 39 points (over back six from Dianne Davis and Linda Gershenson).

Holland and Tattersall Cup: winners, Lynda Lloyd and Liz Taylor, 40 points; second, Helena Coombes and Linda

Hewlett, 39 points.

Junior Golf Cup: winner, Helen Cook, 68 nett, second, Mo Whitworth, 73 nett.

Rabbits and Tigers: winner, Chris Hopkins and Olwen Thomas, 69 nett; second, Linda Hewlett and Anne Howells, 71 nett.

Lady Captain's prize: The weather was warm and sunny and there was a good turn out for this popular com-

petition.

The ladies returned to the clubhouse in the evening for the presentation of the prizes by lady captain Jo Hopkins, and to toast the winners.

Silver winner, Rose Pitman, 37 points; **bronze winner,** Julie Harkin with a very creditable 41 points.

On July 4, Brynhill hosted their Ladies Open – a team event, with the ladies playing in threes,

the best two scores on each hole to count.

The event proved to be extremely popular, with all the tee times filled, and many of the visitors most complimentary about the condition of the course.

Winning team (with a remarkable 96 points): Carole Allen, Lynne Bubbins and Leslie Sherrard.

Runners-up: Maria Gentile, her sister Helen

Minto and Wendy Morton, 87 points; closely followed in **third place** by Jo Hopkins, Norma Phillips and Barbara Watkins on 86 points.

Individual winners: visitor, Jenny Young (St Athan) 42 points; Brynhill winner, Jo Hopkins, 44 points.

Nearest the pin on the third – Lynne Bubbins.

Nearest the line on the seventh – Lynne Perrott (St Athan).

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LEFT:
 The winning team in the ladies open meeting – lady captain Jo Hopkins (centre), Carole Allen, and Leslie Sherrard. (Missing from the line-up is Lynne Bubbins).



ABOVE: Ladies captain's prize – silver winner, Rose Pitman.



ABOVE:
 Left to right: Helen Minto, Jo Hopkins, Lynne Perrott and Margaret Thomas.



ABOVE:
 The ladies captain's bronze winner: left to right: lady captain and Julie Harkin.



LEFT:
 Winner – Ladies open, Jenny Young (St Athan) with the lady captain.



RIGHT:
 Runners-up, ladies open: Left to right: Maria Gentile; lady captain, Wendy Morton and Helen Minto.

YACHT CLUB OPEN DAY

For anyone who has ever wanted to try sailing for the first time, or wanting to take to the helm again, or boat-owners seeking to join a club, Barry Yacht Club is holding its annual open day at 8.30am on Saturday, July 25.

The Club's members are offering the chance to set sail in the Bristol Channel on cruising yachts manned by experienced club members during the morning, followed by a free buffet lunch.

The club also offers dinghy sailing and training courses, as well as a variety of social events throughout the year.

It is based at The Pier Head Docks on Barry Island, Barry Yacht Club.

Caring Eagleswell pupils' bounce for The Gambia!



'Let the charitable bouncing commence!'

EAGLESWELL'S caring pupils recently organised a 'Sponsored Bounce' to raise money towards their project to help build a new well for the children of Brufut School in The Gambia. To date, the sponsored event has raised more than £1,000.

Two thousand pupils aged seven-16, attending the African school currently share a single worn-out hand pump, which delivers a trickle of water for all their daily needs.

Eagleswell's children are aiming to raise close to £5,000 to ensure The Gambian school obtains an adequate supply of fresh water. After a just over a year of fundraising, the children

have collected more than £3,000 towards their goal. Eagleswell would be delighted to hear from anyone who wishes to contribute to the project with fundraising ideas or spare cash! (School telephone number 01446 792755).

MEETING GAVIN AND STACEY!
TWO Eagleswell pupils

James Corden with two pupils.
 were lucky enough to be introduced to the cast of BBC's Gavin and Stacey, when they were filming the third series of the hit comedy on the beach at Jackson Bay, Barry. Year-4 pupils, Samantha and Chloe were delighted to meet the stars of the show, along with the latest addition to the cast, Nessa's new baby boy!

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Luncheon club takes to the dance floor

MEMBERS of the Gibbonsdown and Court Communities First team as a luncheon club were taken to St Donat's Art Centre on July 10 to take part in a tea dance with ballroom dancing.

The trip was arranged by

the Gibbonsdown and Court Communities First team as a token of appreciation for the members' commitment to the luncheon club, which will be celebrating its first birthday in September.



ABOVE:
 The luncheon club.

RIGHT:
 Two members take to the dancefloor as part of the tea dance event.



Schools Out and About with **The GEM**

Youth Theatre brings days of American vaudeville to life

THE award-winning Bridgend Youth Theatre is presenting *Gypsy* at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, from Thursday, July 23 to Saturday, July 25, at 7.30pm each evening.

The show is based on

the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, the famous burlesque stripper.

Directed by Roger Burnell, the show includes all seniors, and a selection of the younger members of Bridgend Youth Theatre.

It attempts to capture the vaudeville era, complete with dancing troupes within the world

of 1920s burlesque theatre.

Featuring songs (by Jule Steyn and Stephen Sondheim) such as: 'Everything's Coming up Roses' and 'You Gotta have a Gimmick', and 'Some People'.

Gypsy is a touching, dramatic and funny piece of musical theatre with a long history on

both stage and screen.

To book tickets contact the box office on: 01656 815995; or to book online go to www.grandpavilion.co.uk today.

Diverse summer for local gallery

THE Washington Gallery in Penarth, a registered not-for-profit charity, has events taking place throughout the summer.

Until July 24, there is a group exhibition 'Exposed - Bringing the Studio into the Gallery' by VOGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists).

Fourteen members of the group are each showing a final finished work, alongside preparatory sketches and studies tracing the creative process from initial concept to final resolution.

There is an exhibition of relief prints and ceramics by Peter Raymond and Frankie Lock, from July 17-August 4.

Hand-printed relief prints by the Cardiff artist Peter Raymond will be placed alongside clay ceramics by Frankie Locke, inspired by natural wood and sea textures.

From September 8, the Washington Summer Show returns for its 12th season.

This is an eclectic mixture of emerging and established artists profiling Welsh talent.

Busy summer for youth centre

A LOCAL charity has plenty of activities on offer for young people over the summer holidays.

KPC Youth, which is based in Pyle, but intended for all young people in the Cynffig area, will be open daily, from 10am - 3pm daily for eight-to-12 year olds, and until 5pm for over-13s.

Evening opening will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday 5.30pm - 8pm for eight-to-12s, and 8pm - 10pm for over-13s. Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5.30pm - 10pm for over-13s only.

Alison Mawby, the

project manager at KPC, said: "KPC Youth offers a wide range of on-site activities, including a great outdoor skate park, bmx track, multi-sports court, adventure play area, a fantastic digilab with internet access, drum room, arts/crafts, pool, table tennis and lots more!"

She continued: "During the summer holidays, we hope to have a huge range of activities."

"These will include including: a trip to Oakwood by night; a photo/make-over session, a rap project, boxing, a fishing trip, a beach clean at Porthcawl, a trip to Swansea Swimming

Pool, and many others."

She added: "More details will be available nearer the time, and some activities and trips are subject to funding."

The centre is next to Pil Primary School in Pyle, off Pyle Inn Way. Membership is £1.50, with daytime and evening sessions costing £1 per session for members, £1.50 for non-members.

KPC also operates a FREE minibus service which will run a return trip back to Cefn Cribwr and Cornelly on a Tuesday and Thursday night for over-13s throughout the summer.

For more information, call in at the centre, telephone 01656 745399/749219, or email: kpcyouth@hotmail.com



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Our resident children's entertainers The Krazy Khics, Helen and Cheryl, will be in the Bar on the Bay every Friday and Saturday night from 7.30pm with their own kind of zany humour - karaoke, party games, dancing, fancy dress in fact just pure mayhem! Mums and Dads can sit back watch whilst having a drink from the bar!

The public are most welcome to 'come on down' and experience all the fun - there is no charge for the children's entertainment!!

Litbites cafe is open on a daily basis for snacks and meals - Sunday lunches are proving very popular (so are the breakfasts!).

So, come and see what the Fontygary has to offer - a warm welcome is extended to everyone!



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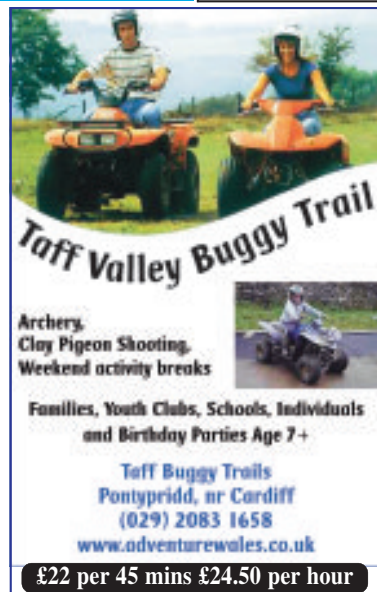
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Peter Ferris has been teaching for 23 years and some past students include Martine McCutcheon, Claire Sweeney, Claire Goose, Sheree Murphy, Russell Brand; some clients working this week include Siobhan Fuxon (21), Lead KFC Chef Commercial, Mitchel Thorngate (10), Skillicious City, Des O'Gorman (23) "Show Me The Funny" BBC NI, Ireland



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Wick playgroup's £5,000 cheque for their green work

ABERTHAW Power Station manager Clive Smith recently presented a cheque for £5,000 to Wick & District Playgroup, which has carried out extensive work on an ecological area in the adjacent churchyard.

It requested funding to extend this wildlife area and for the resurfacing of the car park, to ensure safer access for the children from the village hall where the Playgroup is based.

"The cost of the work will be £9,000, so we were very pleased to receive this generous donation," said



ABOVE: Station manager Clive Smith is pictured with Wick & District Playgroup staff and pupils.

playgroup leader Chrystine Thomas. "The hall is well used so many more people will benefit from the safer surface."

'Follow doctor's rules' diabetes group is urged

AT the June meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Group of Diabetes UK Cymru, Mr Dai Williams, director of Diabetes UK Cymru in Cardiff, told members that his previous job had been with BBC Radio Wales.

When an opportunity to work for Diabetes UK Cymru came, he took the challenge to make people more aware of the medical condition and how they could be helped.

He has linked up with DJ Chris

Needs, who works for BBC Wales to help publicise the need for anyone who has diabetes to always 'follow the rules' set by their doctor or diabetes nurse to avoid complications which might develop.

At the end of his talk, Mr Williams answered questions put to him by his audience, followed by a vote of thanks by the group's chairman.

The next meeting will be attended by a representative from Age Concern on Tuesday, July 21 in the board room at Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

There will be no meeting in August.

COHEN'S BRUNO IS NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART!

HAVING built a reputation as a comedian who hides beneath his characters, the success of Borat in 2006 made Sacha Baron Cohen a worldwide name, but the huge recognition the film received made further outings for the character highly unlikely.

For his latest film, Cohen returns to a character that made its debut alongside his other creations.

In *Bruno* (or to give it its full title, *Bruno: Delicious Journeys*

Through America for the Purpose of Making Heterosexual Males Visibly Uncomfortable in the Presence of a Gay Foreigner in a Mesh T-Shirt), Cohen portrays the titular character, a homosexual Austrian TV presenter.

He travels to America to make a documentary about fashion and becomes a celebrity; but much like Borat, placing the character in conservative America is a recipe for (comedic) disaster that highlights prejudices that otherwise are left unsaid...

Let's get this out of the way straight away – if you found Borat to be an unfunny film that failed to amuse you in any way, then steer well clear of *Bruno*.

Buy a ticket to *Fireflies in the Garden*, or something equally bland and avoid the near-the-knuckle humour offered by Sacha Baron Cohen's latest assault on the cinema.

However, if like me, you found Borat to be not just wildly funny but also incredibly clever, then you will get more of the same when buying a ticket for *Bruno*.

This isn't to say that *Bruno* is a film that builds upon the successes of Borat, because it doesn't quite manage that.

Following the latter's template of mixing in the realism with a narrative arc, the two films share almost identical beats (character comes to America with assistant, undergoes hard luck before redeeming himself in his own inimitable way having learned nothing) and its predilection for mocking and satirising merely raises the temperature of the film. It's certainly an '18' rated film for a

reason, making Borat's perplexed outsider look tame in comparison.

But beneath the veneer of the incredibly bawdy comedy does lay an intelligence and cunning to make the people being interviewed look far more stupid than any character could.

It's something that Cohen achieves with a lot of commitment and dedication, and a thorough immersion in the character.

Determined to push people as far as he possibly can, here he winds up (among many) a minister who specialises in homosexual conversion, a terrorist leader, a Hollywood agent, the African-American audience of a TV chat show and, most impressively, an arena full of beer-swilling rednecks, who don't quite get the mano-a-mano action they were expecting.

Each comic sequence is well executed and Cohen's complicity in playing straight merely adds to the comedy and danger on show.

The comparisons to Peter Sellers, in terms of his ability to completely inhabit the character, are not ill-founded, although quite whether even Sellers would go to the

extremes that Cohen puts himself through is questionable!

While there is no questioning the amount of laughs (and shocked silences) the film produces, its satirical targets are either overly familiar from the last Cohen outing, or all too familiar to the audience.

The interview segments are hilarious, but feel too similar to what the comedian was attempting in Borat.

The ability to shock is more pronounced, given some of the subject matter brushing against taboo issues, but it doesn't feel in any way different from what he has previously accomplished.

Likewise, Cohen's targeting of the worlds of fashion and celebrity raise laughs, but again feels somewhat overdone and over familiar.

It's easy to see why he preys on the unknown public, rather than the denizens of those worlds for the majority of the film, because both he and director Larry Charles recognise that that is where they will mine the most laughs.

However, come the celeb-stuffed end credits, it seems that Cohen may not have been prac-

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

tising what he has spent the last 80 or so minutes preaching.

Despite these flaws, *Bruno* is still a hilarious film, but is more of a continuation of the Borat-style than a film within its own right.

VERDICT – Controversial, offensive, yet with a certain degree of intelligence behind its humour, *Bruno* will shock and make you laugh in equal measure.

While it sails a little too close to Borat in terms of style and content, there are more than enough laughs, and another game comedic turn from Sacha Baron Cohen, to commend it. *Recommended.*

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Out and About with The GEM

Choral society's charity concert

SINCE the charity concert held in April, when Barry Choral Society raised £150 for the Barry branch of NSPCC, the society has been feverishly rehearsing for its summer concert.

On Saturday evening, at 7.30pm in All Saints Church, the choir will perform Haydn's *Creation*, under the direction of Jo Herco Thomas and accompa-

nied by the Festival Orchestra.

One aria for soprano soloist, *With verdure Clad*, will be sung by Sian Winstanley, who graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama on July 3 with a MMus degree with distinction.

Orian Rowlands, bass soloist, also a graduate from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, is manager of the BBC Chorus of Wales.

The tenor soloist is Gareth Treseder, another

graduate of the Welsh College.

During the concert, a member of the audience will be presented with the programme prize of a summer hamper.

Delphine Garland, who recently retired from the choir, will be honoured as vice-president. Delphine has been a committed member of the choir since its inception in 1968.

Tickets are available at Harmony Furnishings, High Street, choir members and at the door.

Sully painting group exhibition is a winner

AT Sully painting group's annual exhibition, held on June 19-20 in Sully, Pat Clifton was again a winner with this beautiful painting of Poppies (reproduced right) chosen by visitors as the one that appealed most to them.

Although many visitors praised the variety and standard of the paintings, sadly, sales were down on last year



which means that the money raised for the group's two charities, Ty Hafan and Cancer Research, will be less

than last year.

The group can be contacted on 02920 707553, or 02920 531262.

What's on IN BRIEF

Llandow summer fete
THE Llandow Village annual summer fete on Saturday, July 18, at 2pm, in Llandow Village Hall will be opened by BBC Wales presenter Lucy Owen.

There will also be a special appearance by Hanna Duck, from the children's television programme *Hanna's Helpline*.
"There will be plenty of stalls, competitions, games and races for children of all ages and their mums and dads."

"There will also be refreshments, music, a bar-becue and licensed bar," said committee chair, Kay Walters.

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Heritage Coast features in popular TV programme

THE popular BBC 2 TV programme, *Coast*, takes a look at the Heritage Coastline later this month.

Items in the episode include Hermione Cockburn discovering how American media mogul William Randolph Hearst, the inspiration for *Citizen Kane*, transformed a run-down castle (St

Donats) on the Vale coast into a fabulous fun palace for the rich and famous.

The last family of 'mud-horse' fishermen reveal the fruits of a day's work on the Severn Estuary mud-flats, and a newcomer to *Coast*, champion surfer Renée Godfrey, swims with seals and searches out rare corals on the island of Lundy.

However, given the episode's title 'Lands End to Porthcawl', there will be mild disappointment in Porthcawl, because the producers

have chosen to focus on a Bridgend story.

Neil Oliver will be exploring the site of the 'Welsh Great Escape' - when nearly 70 German prisoners of war were on the loose in the sand dunes after tunnelling out of the Island Farm prisoner of war camp.

The cameras will be sweeping along the coastline of the Vale and Bridgend county borough.

Coast: series four, episode three, goes out on Tuesday July 28, 8pm, BBC 2. 'Lands End to Porthcawl'.

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VICAR'S SONS WHO PAID ULTIMATE PRICE

If one drives along the A48, takes the turnoff alongside the 'Old Post' and meanders along the delightful country lane for a few hundred yards, Carmel United Reform Church, which is currently up for sale, will appear on the left hand side.

In the churchyard of this delightful little church stands a headstone which tells a tragic story.

I visited this churchyard recently on a rain soaked day at the suggestion of a GEM reader, who rang me to ask whether I could find out what the story was behind the headstone.

I was delighted to be able to help and as the result of my research I pieced together the following facts.

The headstone commemorates the last resting place of the former minister of Carmel, the Reverend William Edgar Evans of the Manse, Llanbethery. But interestingly and intriguingly to any individual with an interest in military history, alongside the Reverend's name are

those of two of his sons, both of whom were killed during the Great War of 1914-1918.

Owen Evans joined the army early in the war in 1914 and was posted to the 7th Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment, which was formed at Chichester on August 12, 1914 and attached to 36th Brigade in 12th (Eastern) Division. They moved to Shorncliffe in October 1914 and into billets in Folkestone in December 1914.

In March 1915, they moved to Ramillies Barracks in Aldershot, before being sent to France. They landed at Boulogne on June 1, 1915.

By June 18, 1916 the Division was based at Flesselles. It moved up to Baizieux on June 30 and reached Hencourt and Millencourt by 10am on July 1, in reserve to the British infantry attack that had begun earlier that morning - the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

It moved to relieve 8th Division, which had suffered a severe setback at Ovillers-la-Boisselle, during the night of July 1 to 2.

Ordered to continue the attack on Ovillers, 35th and 37th Brigades went in at 3.15am on

July 2. Unlike the troops of 8th Division, who had to cross a wide no man's land in the bright morning sun, the 12th Division attack, at night, adopted sensible tactics of advancing across no man's land while the artillery bombarded the enemy and rushed the last few yards when it lifted.

The first wave of the attack met with mixed success: for example, the 9th Essex came under heavy shellfire before it had reached even the British front line.

It was difficult to keep direction in the deep shellholes; yet the 5th Berkshire and 7th Suffolk crossed, finding the enemy wire was well cut, and took at least two lines of German trenches before becoming bogged in intense bombing fights in the trenches. The 6th Queen's were held up by wire and machine gun fire from Mash Valley.

Heavy fire from the Leipzig salient - where X Corps would have been attacking - halted supporting units in no man's land, and the attack failed to achieve its objective.

On July 7, 36th Brigade, with 74th Brigade attached to the

Dr Jonathan Hicks tells the moving story of two sons of a local minister who fell during the First World War.

Division for the purpose, attacked again and in spite of heavy casualties from German artillery and machine guns in Mash Valley, succeeded in holding the first and second lines that they captured on the spur on which Ovillers stands.

By the time the Division was withdrawn to the area on Contay on July 9, 189 officers and 4,576 men had become casualties.

One of these casualties was Owen Evans, who was killed aged 24 and now lies in Ovillers Military Cemetery.

Owen had joined up along with his friend, David Rhys Davies. David was the son of Rees Davies of Llancarfan School and had been employed in the Barry Railway Goods Department. He joined the 11th Bn of the Rifle Brigade but was killed on October 3, 1915, aged 20.

He is commemorated on the Barry Railway Company Memorial at the side of the Docks Offices. He had lived at 35, Oxford Street in Barry.

The 11th Battalion was in trenches east of Laventie when they came under German artillery fire. For two hours the shells rained down on the men crouching in the trenches and dugouts.

As the war diary records: 'only one rifleman was wounded during the bombardment'. That was David Davies who died shortly afterwards.

Sadly for his parents, he was one of three of their sons to die during the war. Tudor Davies was 19 when he was killed on October 30, 1918, just 12 days before the armistice, whilst serving with the Machine Gun Corps. He is buried in Le Cateau Military Cemetery. His brother W Davies was a marine engineer who had died in December 1916.

Owen Evans's brother, Emrys Morgan Evans, joined up later in the war, perhaps as the result of conscription, which was initiated in 1916. He was posted initially to the Welsh Regiment and later to the 2nd/4th Oxfordshire

and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

He was killed aged 23 on September 12, 1918 in the fighting around Laventie and is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, as his body was never identified.

One intriguing possibility arises as the result of the actions which took place that day. The battalion had arrived at Laventie, south-west of Armentieres on September 11, 1918.

The enemy was holding the line called the Picantin - Junction Post and the battalion was ordered forward to attempt to hold an out-post line that was to the north-east of the town.

Headquarters was established in a former dressing station in Laventie, a house which had not been destroyed by enemy artillery.



Alfred Wilcox.

At a few hours notice and in weather calculated to make any operation a fiasco, on September 12, they attacked Junction Post, a grass-bond breastwork where the enemy was offering a stubborn resistance.

Though finally unsuccessful in result, the fighting, which was accompanied by driving storms of rain, produced two noteworthy incidents. Rowleson, one of C Company's platoon commanders, after reaching the German trenches, somehow lost touch and was captured with several of his men.

In A Company an exploit was performed, which gained for the battalion its second Victoria Cross.

It was here that Lance Corporal Alfred Wilcox gained the Victoria Cross and the citation sums up perfectly the heroic action that took place: *For most conspicuous bravery and initiative in attack (near Laventie, France) when his company was held up by heavy and persistent machine-gun fire at close range.*

On his own initiative, with four men he rushed ahead to the nearest enemy gun, bombed it, killed the gunner, and

put the gun out of action. Being then attacked by an enemy bombing party, Cpl Wilcox picked up enemy bombs and led his party against the next gun, finally capturing and destroying it.

Although left with only one man, he continued bombing and captured a third gun. He again bombed up the trench, captured a fourth gun, and then rejoined his platoon.

Cpl Wilcox displayed in this series of successful individual enterprises exceptional valour, judgment, and initiative.

Wilcox was wounded shortly afterwards and was in hospital in England when news of the award arrived. His deed lent lustre to a profligate attack. There is no way of knowing whether or not Emrys Evans was one of the men with Wilcox, but however he met his end, he was one of the unsung heroes of the Great War.

So, next time you are out for a drink or a meal at one of the pubs along the A48, set aside some time to pay your respects to two local lads who laid down their lives so that we can enjoy such privileges.

Young Vale athletes are in excellent form at all-rounders championship in Swansea

PROMISING Barry Comprehensive pupil Curtis Matthews enhanced his growing reputation with an accomplished series of performances at the 16th Welsh Schools Combined Events, which was held at the upgraded Swansea University athletics track.

It was at last year's championships in Carmarthen that he first made his mark - in the middle age group for pupils in years 10 and 11. At the end of four events, young Matthews headed the field by 40 points from Antoine Woodman (Dyfed). Woodman, a noted 400 metres runner, proved too strong in the last of the five events, the 800

metres, finishing seven seconds clear, an advantage which brought him victory by 70 points, while the Barry athlete totalled 2,679 in second place.

That defeat helped point Matthews in the right direction and, having now joined a combined events training group under top coach Mike Guest, it was a much better-prepared and conditioned athlete who made his debut in the senior age group.

Only three athletes started the competition, Matthews, Woodman, and Sam Booker (Llantwit), and the Barry year-12 made his intentions clear from the off. Always in command, he could only muster a points total of a 1,000 points for the first two

events, the shot and javelin, for a lead of 200 points, but it was a different tale over the last three!

In the hot, sunny, almost windless conditions, a combination of a 100 metres in 11.88, followed by a new personal best of 6.63 metres in the long jump and a really gritty 1,500 metres in 4:45.28 added a further 2,000 points for a final score of 3,065 points, the gold medal for winning the event, and revenge over Woodman, who could only manage 2,583 for second place - and there was a bonus!

With Sam Booker starting the 1,500 metres and claiming the individual bronze, it meant that Cardiff & the Vale took the team award.

There was a second and unexpected Vale victory in the senior girls' section, another with only three entries, the Bro Morgannwg duo of year-12 students Leah Grisdale and Savannah Taylor, and Jessica Huddleston (Dyfed).

Before the start, Taylor admitted that she was not looking forward to the final event, the 800 metres. Thankfully, when it came to that event, she was a mere 12 points behind Huddleston in second place, and that proved to be the spark for a really spirited performance. It was actually

Grisdale who led the trio home in a time just under three minutes, with Taylor close behind, and the Dyfed athlete nearly 20 seconds back. The outcome was the same as for the senior boys. An overjoyed Taylor took individual gold, with Grisdale taking bronze, and the duo claiming the team place.

There were two further medals, individual and team, for Vale boys in the middle and junior sections.

Cowbridge year-11 Oliver Trotman made his mark in the younger age groups through the winter sports hall programme, but he has struggled in the summer outdoor programme. Here, he may have just found his event, but it will take time and effort to make further progress.

After an opening 16.8 seconds run in the 100 metres hurdles in the middle boys' section, it was in the second event, the high jump, that he really made his mark. While other Vale athletes dropped out from 1.35 metres, Trotman went up and up, finishing as the event top scorer, his clearance of 1.83 metres earning 653 points.

After that, three steady performances in the long jump, shot and 800 metres proved good enough for a five event total of 2,498 points for

third place overall and, with team-mate Jamaul Whyte (St Teilo's) winning the event, Cardiff & the Vale claimed a third team title.

The real surprise came in the junior boys' section. Mr John Patterson (Llantwit), the boys' team manager, knew that Matthew Roan (St Cyres) was a tidy high jumper but little else was expected. It is a delight to report that the year-9 pupil produced a series of new personal bests, including adding three centimetres to his high jump best with a 1.63 metres clearance, to absolutely demolish his previous pentathlon mark of 1,720 points.

His total was 2,328, a 600-point improvement, not quite enough to match the favourite, Matthew Davies (Dyfed), 2,445, but good enough for second place overall and, with team-mate Tom Bevan (Cardiff High) taking individual bronze, the duo also took team gold.

The Cardiff & the Vale team of 39 athletes was easily the largest and most successful of the six Welsh Schools district, which took part. All 15 of the Vale-based pupils who competed in that team can take pride in their performances. Results of Vale pupils: Senior Boys (SP, JT, 100, LJ, 1,500) - 1 Curtis Matthews Barry

Comp 3,065 (11.62, 39.34, 11.88, 6.63, 4:45.28); 3 Sam Booker Llantwit 1,697 (9.31, 27.58, 12.42, 5.18, Dnf). Team: 1 Cardiff & the Vale 4,762.

Middle Boys (100H, HJ, LJ, SP, 1,500) - 3 Oliver Trotman Cowbridge 2,498 (16.8, 1.83, 5.05, 10.90, 2:22.15); 4 Tom Phillips Stanwell 2,325 (16.0, 1.68, 4.98, 9.59, 2:24.39); 5 Rhys Allin Cowbridge 2,165 (17.2, 1.38, 5.42, 7.76, 2:10.66); 8 James Graves Bro Morgannwg 2,087 (16.8, 1.68, 4.99, 9.13, 2:36.01); 11 Charlie Halpin St John's 1,856 (19.0, 1.35, 4.74, 7.69, 2:11.20); 13 Jake Connolly Bro Morgannwg 1,635 (19.6, 1.50, 4.82, 9.48, 2:43.92); 16 Richard Pilcher Bro Morgannwg 1,507 (19.7, 1.47, 4.40, 8.66, 2:41.31).

Team: 1 Cardiff & the Vale A 5,191.

Junior Boys (80H, SP, HJ, LJ, 800) - 2 Mathew Roan St Cyres 2,328 (13.26, 9.21, 1.63, 4.93, 2:19.61).

Team: 1 Dyfed 4,702; 2 Cardiff & the Vale 4,644.

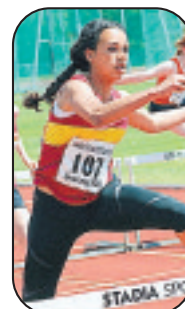
Senior Girls (SP, JT, 100, LJ, 800) - 1 Savannah Taylor Bro Morgannwg 2,065 (7.12, 20.68, 13.75, 4.35, 2:57.87); 3 Leah Grisdale Bro Morgannwg 1,723 (5.11, 10.67, 14.30, 4.52, 2:56.41).

Team: 1 Cardiff & the Vale 3,788.

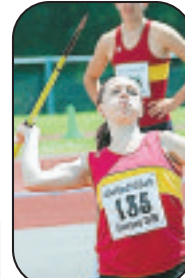
Middle Girls (HJ, LJ, 80H, SP, 800) - 8 Ellie Carter Bryn Hafren 2,008 (1.29, 4.27, 14.25, 6.48, 2:57.18); 15 Natalie Parsons Llantwit 1,751 (1.32, 3.24, 13.90, 5.37, 3:00.20).

Team: 1 Cardiff & the Vale 4,927.

Junior Girls (LJ, 75H, SP, HJ, 800) - Chloe Phillips Llantwit (3.41, 13.81, 5.71).



Good points from the 80m hurdles for Natalie Parsons (Llantwit) in the middle girls competition.



Winner of the senior girls competition - Savannah Taylor (Bro Morgannwg).

**Report by PETER MORRIS
Photos by IAN DIXON**



The winning Cardiff & Vale middle boys team - Jamaul Whyte (St Teilo's) and Oliver Trotman (Cowbridge) after the presentation of the team medals and age group place. (Photo by Paul Trotman.)



Third of the five senior boys events. Curtis Matthews (Barry Comprehensive) leads from Antoine Woodman (Dyfed) and Sam Booker (Llantwit).

YOUNG FOOTBALLERS THANK THE SPONSORS



HIGH Street Harriers FC, players, friends, officials and supporters have thanked British Gas and LaFarge for their sponsorship throughout the season. The team is now looking forward to junior football next season.

Rhws Primary pupils in sporting triumphs

RHWS Primary School has gone from strength to strength over the past term, participating successfully in a variety of sporting and creative activities.

The Rhws Primary netball teams participated in the Barry Junior Netball League, winning the A division of the league and narrowly missing out on the B division league title on goal difference, claiming the runners-up position. The netball team were also successful winners of the Llantwit Cluster Interschools Netball Tournament, hosted by Wick and Marcross Primary

School. They even became winners of the Jean Broughton Memorial Tournament...amazing achievements! Rhws Primary's football team regained the winners' trophy at the Llantwit Cluster Interschools sports event.

Pupils at Rhws Primary School have been enjoying an action-packed summer of sport; not only achieving high heights with netball and football, but also competing in athletics, tennis, cricket and rugby tournaments and festivals. A sporting good time had by all!

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Rhws Primary School's netball team with their awards.

BARRY WANDERERS SECONDS STROLL TO AN EASY WIN AGAINST NEWPORT XI

THE Barry Wanderers First XI took the short trip past the airport to Rhose to be entertained by Sully Centurions Third outfit.

Stand in skipper Hassett asked the home side to bat on a good looking wicket, but with rain forecast it was a decent shout.

The Centurions didn't look like they would live up to their name as they were reeling at 29-4 off 10 overs, thanks to some tidy opening bowling from Neil Mantell (3-19) and the returning Andy Fenton (1-9).

Mother Nature came in at number seven and put in a resolute performance and saved the game for the home side, deluging the wicket.

The Second team played a Newport Fourth XI on Saturday at Hayes Point in a Welsh Conference Division Three contest.

With the weather looking rather uncertain for the start of the game, Wanderers captain Chris Barnes strode out to the middle with Newport skipper Dave Carter to toss the coin with the rain starting to fall.

Barnes won the toss and decided to bat.

Barnes and Dean Thomas opened for the home side and after one over, everybody scurried off to the sanctuary of the pavilion to shelter from the heavy rain.

The home captain was now wondering what he was thinking of batting first as the rain changed the pitch conditions to favour the bowlers. Sure enough, as the

two sides returned to the field after the adverse weather, Barnes was bowled by talented left arm spinner Andrew Davies without a run on the board with the ball barely leaving the pitch!

Luke Denning joined Thomas and soon found the going just as tough with tight bowling from Davies and Newport skipper Carter.

However, with only 14 scored off nine overs, Davies got one to lift outside off-stump to Denning and he was caught at slip for 10.

As mercurial Elwyn Toozer strode to the wicket in Tonto's expanding headband, the sun made it's first appearance.

Dean Thomas, still easing his way into his new club, found the batting conditions very different to that of the pre-

vious week when he made 50 glorious runs. It proved hard work when in the 19th over and with Davies in his final over, he carved the ball out to the fielder at point where he was caught for 16.

James Griffiths going three balls later again to Davies left Wanderers wobbling on 44-4.

Tom Ridgwell joined Toozer at the crease with the wicket now seemingly getting firmer in the sunshine, both batsmen taking time to get used to things out in the middle, Toozer pushing into spaces to keep the scoreboard ticking.

These two built up a more than useful partnership against the bowling of Jarvis and Watkins, until Toozer charged down the wicket to Newport's Matt Bryant in the 36th over and was stumped for a

fine 47. Ridgwell marched on to his second 50 for the club, hitting boundaries at will until bowled by Bryant late on for a fine 59.

A late flourish from Andy Furnham at the end with a quickfire 20 ensured Wanderers totalled 184 all out in the 44th over, Furnham being last man out.

Newport's Andrew Davies took 4-25 off his 10 overs and Matt Bryant 5-14.

The Newport innings started with John Rowlett and Howard Davies opening the batting with Wanderers Dave Morgan bowling at the 'Apartments' end for the first time in 10 years.

Indeed, both batsmen started well against the tight bowling of Morgan and Furnham, Rowlett in particular, cutting to the

boundary until in the 13th over, with Newport on 34, Morgan bowled Davies for 12.

Morgan also bowled Keyse for a 'duck' and trapped Rowlett lbw for 21.

Newport were now getting behind any sort of run-rate.

Only Jason Bachelor with 28 and Andrew Davies with 22 produced any further resistance to the Wanderers bowling attack as Newport were bowled out for 128 in the 40th over giving Wanderers the victory by 56 runs.

Dave Morgan finished his 10 over spell with 3-22, Ashton 2-35 off his 10, and 15-year-old James Griffiths finishing his six over spell with 2-25.

Vale women tackle the Cardiff 'Race for Life'



ABOVE:

Recently, 12 members and staff of Curves in Cowbridge (along with family members) tackled the 'Race for Life' in Cardiff.

Once again, it was an emotionally charged event. Aiming to raise more than £1,500 for the charity, the ladies split into three groups to run, jog and power walk the 5 km course.

The leading group headed by Carla Gore, one of Curves' motivating fitness instructors, completed the course in just 27 minutes.

Well done again ladies!

Local trainer's success

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

ARTHUR'S EDGE, a five-year-old bay gelding trained in the Vale by Bryn Palling and confidently ridden by Steve Drowne, made every post a winning one when landing the Crown at Celtic Manor Handicap at Chepstow last Friday at odds of 16-1.

Arthur's Edge, who is owned by Mrs Annabelle Mason, won by one and a quarter lengths from Ocean Transit.

On Sunday at Southwell, the first two races went to horses trained in the Vale.

Llancarfan's Evan Williams saddled Winchester Red to win the Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase, and Aberthin's Tim Vaughan took the Toteswinger Maiden Chase with his six-year-old House Of Bourbon.

Winchester Red, ridden by Donal Fahy,

came home 13 lengths ahead of Oso Magic.

The front running House Of Bourbon, ridden by Cowbridge's Deano Coleman, won by nine lengths from Snake Rave. Coleman did well to win, as he lost his irons when jumping the third last fence. Pembroke's Peter Bowen kept the Welsh flag flying when taking the third race on the card with Ripalong Boy.

EVAN'S DOUBLE

LLANCARFAN trainer Evan Williams landed a double at Worcester last Wednesday with Winchester Red (5-1) in the novice handicap hurdle and Postmaster (13-8) in the novice chase.

Winchester Red, ridden by Donal Fahy, won by four lengths from Particle trained by Pembroke's Peter Bowen and Postmaster, partnered by Paul Moloney, got home by half-a-length from the odds-on favourite Mam Ratagan.

Postmaster, which was Williams's 23rd winner of the season, was a winner of its previous race, but before then had run up a sequence of seven seconds.

Barry Air Cadets excel in athletics competition held at Leckwith track



LEFT: Race winners – Ashley Williams, Jay Pitcock, Carl Chaplin and Rhys Thomas.

AIR Cadets from 372 Squadron, recently participated in the Inter Squadron

Athletics tournament, held at Leckwith Athletics Stadium with many outstanding performances.

With hundreds of Cadets from 20 squadrons, the competition and pride between squadrons was tough as everyone gave 100 per cent.

Several Cadets gave outstanding performances including:

Carl Chaplin winning the 400 metres and long jump; Ashley Williams winning the 100 and 200 metres sprints; Rhys Thomas winning the shotput competition; and Jay Pitcock

winning the 200 metres in his age category.

These Cadets will now go on to represent No 1 Welsh Wing at RAF Cosford, for their excellent performances.

This excellent performance completes another outstanding sporting season, which has seen the Cadets participate in football, cross country, rugby, netball and hockey competitions.

The Cadets regularly attend sports/fitness sessions to improve their fitness and learn new sports and improve their skills.

The Cadets will now look forward to spending the summer undertaking flying, gliding, shooting, Duke of Edinburgh, summer camps, fieldcraft and team building exercises.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm-9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall); or contact the Squadron on 01446 747734; or email 372@aircadets.org



Jay Pitcock attempting the high jump.

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THE BRIDGEND ATHLETIC CELEBRATE GREAT YEAR ON PRESENTATION NIGHT

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC recently held its 37th annual presentation evening at the Heronstone Hotel to celebrate the most successful year in the club's history.

Guests of honour were Welsh and Ospreys Captain Ryan Jones, Wales and Blues scrum half Gareth Cooper (whose father was an original playing member of the club), Huw Bennett, the Wales and Ospreys hooker, and Andrew Hore, director of rugby for the Ospreys Region and the former Welsh conditioning coach.

The youth secretary Mark Davies began with a summary of achievements by the mini and junior sections of the club, with presentations made to playing representatives of each team by Ryan Jones.

The mini teams had a lot of success in various tournaments throughout the country and had two boys, Stuart Floyd-Ellis and Jak Robbins representing West Wales under-11s, both receiving 'A' caps.

The junior section had tremendous success, winning the Ospreys Cup Competitions at under-16s, under-15s, and under-14s, with the under-12s sharing their trophy in a drawn contest. The under-13s won the Ospreys Plate competition.

After dinner, the club chairman Terry Coles gave a summary of the year and thanked all the people who helped to make this such a memorable season, and made presentations to the sponsors, without whom life would be very difficult.

He then made the announcement that Adrian Burt, the club's dedicated press officer, was to be made a life member after many years of service.

Club president Phil Rees then took over proceedings for the presentation of the awards and gave his usual humorous resume of events on and off the field throughout the

season. The four captains of the senior and youth teams were presented with a memento in recognition of their services throughout the year. These went to: Simon Mustoe First XV, Liam Griffiths Second XV, Ben Howe Youth and Sean Derrick Youth 'Rags'. Next in line was the presentation of their Welsh under-18s jerseys to Welsh Captain Lloyd Peers and Matthew Morgan, who both played in every game.

A special presentation was then made to Rhys Webb in recognition of his elevation to the Ospreys squad, and to his participation in the fantastic achievement by the Wales Sevens Squad in lifting the World Cup in Dubai.

This was followed by the Youth awards. Number eight Sean Derrick was voted Player of the Year for the 'Rags' with Michael Powell the best back. Sean Derrick was also top try scorer.

The 'Rags' had a very successful inaugural season, only losing one of their league fixtures and the club is looking forward to this second Youth team being a permanent fixture in the club to assist in the smooth transition from under-16s into the elder age group.

Flanker Ben Howe, joint top try scorer with Mike Hathaway, was elected Youth Player of the Year. Ben was an outstanding player throughout his three year in Youth rugby, and led the team to an unbeaten season winning the Welsh Youth Cup, Welsh League Championship, Ospreys League and District Cup for the seventh time in nine years.

Centre James Olds, in his second season, was awarded best youth back and the club can look forward to even greater things from him next year.

Top points scorer was scrum half Tom Davies. Outstanding back row forward Tom Morgan was awarded the Barry Morris Memorial Trophy for the Most Improved Player for the Youth, and Robert

Jones was rewarded with Clubman of the Year for his commitment and effort throughout the season.

The second XV had a highly successful season winning both the District League and Cup competitions. Forward Tom Howells in his first full season for the club was awarded Player of the Year.

After the disappointment of relegation from Division One last year the First XV bounced straight back to win Division Two West and return to Division One for the third time. With a healthy-looking squad developing this summer, and several premiership players returning to the fold, the club is looking forward to being competitive in what is a very tough environment.

A great point of interest for all rugby fans in the town will be the local derbies with Bridgend Ravens, which hopefully will be played on Boxing Day and at Easter and should attract a good crowd.

Outstanding second row/back row Sean Williams received the Jeff Jenkins Trophy for Player of the Year for his consistently outstanding displays, with full back Lyndsay McCausland awarded Best Back.

Second Row Jamie Doherty was voted Most Improved Player in his first full season in the First XV and received the Darryl Dyke Memorial trophy.

The final award was for the prestigious Clubman of the Year which went to second team captain Liam Griffiths for his hard work throughout the year and his efforts in organising the end of season club tour to Spain, which was a resounding success.

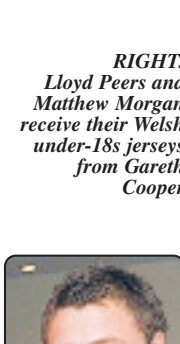
Head coach Paul Yardley then made a short speech outlining his thoughts on the season past and plans for the future. He then handed on to Andrew Hore who finished off the evening with a few words of congratulation, indicating that he was particularly impressed with the vibrancy and spirit of the club, and he said that this spirit should enable us to continue our high level of achievement in the future.



ABOVE:
Sean Derrick 'Rags'
Player of the Year.



ABOVE:
Michael Powell
'Rags' Best Back.



RIGHT:
Lloyd Peers and
Matthew Morgan
receive their Welsh
under-18s jerseys
from Gareth
Cooper



ABOVE:
Ben Howe –
Captain and Youth
Player of the Year.



ABOVE: Sean Williams
– First XV Player of the Year.



ABOVE:
Tom Howells – Second XV Player of Year,
with Huw Bennett.



ABOVE:
Tom Morgan – Youth Team Most
Improved Player with Stuart Morris.



ABOVE:
Rhys Webb receives his special achievement
presentation from Andrew Hore.



ABOVE: James
Olds – Youth Team
Best Back with
Gareth Cooper.

LEFT:
Liam Griffiths –
Clubman of the
Year, with
Huw Bennett.

RIGHT:
Lyndsay
McCausland –
Best Senior Back.



ABOVE: Jamie Doherty received the Most
Improved Senior player from Richie Dyke.



ABOVE:
Robert Jones –
Youth Clubman
of the Year.



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NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

Developments in Conservation Areas

Application No:	2009/00655/LBC
Proposal:	Alteration of the existing kitchen to provide disabled wc facilities and a smaller storage area. Alterations of the large existing store to provide a kitchen with servery facilities into the main hall and alteration of the inoperative wc into a dry food store. Reinstatement of the external access to the gallery by opening up the blocked door
Location:	All Saints Parish Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth
Conservation Area:	Penarth
Application No:	2009/00680/CAC
Proposal:	Take down and rebuild the external walls of the Coach House to implement Planning Permission
Location:	2008/01387/FUL
Conservation Area:	14, Westbourne Road, Penarth
Application No:	2009/00687/FUL
Proposal:	Conservatory
Location:	3, Ivy Cottage, Rhose Road, Rhose
Conservation Area:	Rhose
Application No:	2009/00688/FUL
Proposal:	Erection of a pigeon loft (Retrospective consent)
Location:	1, Old Port Road, Wenvoe
Conservation Area:	Wenvoe
Application No:	2009/00690/FUL
Proposal:	Construction of 1 no. detached dwelling with detached garage
Location:	Land off Park Road (site of former Community Hall), Garden Suburb, Barry
Conservation Area:	Barry (Garden Suburb)
Application No:	2009/00698/FUL
Proposal:	Demolition of northern stone boundary wall, creation of new highway access into rebuilt and relocated stone boundary wall and creation of carparking hardstanding
Location:	Great House, (Ty Mawr), A48, Bonvilston
Conservation Area:	Bonvilston
Application No:	2009/00701/LBC
Proposal:	Replace severely rotten wooden window in rear of Parish Hall with new hardwood window in Georgian style to match the front of the building; replace severely rotten wooden door and above window at rear of Parish Hall with hardwood replacement to match and locks to comply with Insurance requirements
Location:	Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys
Conservation Area:	Dinas Powys
Application No:	2009/00680/CAC
Proposal:	Take down and rebuild the external walls of the Coach House to implement Planning Permission
Location:	2008/01387/FUL
Conservation Area:	14, Westbourne Road, Penarth
Application No:	2009/00642/LBC
Proposal:	Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission
Location:	2004/00268/LBC - Development to be commenced within 5 years
Listed Building:	Batslavs Farm, Higher End, St. Athan Grade 2
Application No:	2009/00655/LBC
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Location:	All Saints Parish Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth
Listed Building:	Grade II
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Proposal:	Replace severely rotten wooden window in rear of Parish Hall with new hardwood window in Georgian style to match the front of the building; replace severely rotten wooden door and above window at rear of Parish Hall with hardwood replacement to match and locks to comply with Insurance requirements
Location:	Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys
Listed Building:	Grade II
Application No:	2009/00644/FUL
Proposal:	Alteration to roof finish (application 2008/01459/FUL for holiday accommodation)
Location:	Tregwynt, Barn adjacent Glan-y-Mor House, Wick

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER, 1995

Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way

Application No:	2009/00644/FUL
Proposal:	Alteration to roof finish (application 2008/01459/FUL for holiday accommodation)
Location:	Tregwynt, Barn adjacent Glan-y-Mor House, Wick
Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below.	
Dated:	16 July, 2009
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James Hignett of Penarth and Safiyyah Azeez of Dinas Powys both won their respective competitions at the tournament - a Grade 2 event which attracts national standard players from all over Great Britain.

"This is a great achievement for two of our promising players and will ensure they both rise up the GB rankings list for their age group," said Tennis Wales chief executive, Peter Hybart.

James trains at Reeds School in Surrey (which produced Tim Henman), and Safiyyah trains at Esporta Cardiff.

Rain stumps Barry Stags

DUE to heavy downpours, all three Barry cricket club matches that were due to be played last weekend were cancelled.

With the second half of the season under way, Barry First XI and Barry Second XI are sitting dangerously inside the relegation places of their Divisions.

However, there isn't much to pick between the sides around them and a few results going the right way will help secure league status when the 2009 season draws to a close.

Barry Third XI are sitting pretty in mid-table at the half way point of the season and, with a large gap between them and the current leaders, Pentwyn CC,

they can only hope for a top five finish in the Sunday League.

Next weekend sees Ian Gadd's Barry First XI visit relegation rivals, Machen CC, in a crucial match that could have a say in who goes down and who survives.

Martin Baker's Second XI play host to former Premier League side, Miskin Manor CC.

After missing out on the chance to move above Newport Fugitives CC last week, the Stags need to start grinding out as many points as possible to avoid relegation.

Next Sunday will see Barry Third XI play host to title hopefuls, Cardiff CC.

Barry have won the last four meetings between the sides and will hope to dent their title hopes.

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Entrants for Ron Thomas event welcomed

BARRY ATHLETIC'S annual JR Thomas Open Pairs will be held at Barry Island, commencing on Sunday, August 2 with the final on Sunday, August 9.

Prize money totals £800. The popular event, held in memory of Ron Thomas, one of the club's former stalwarts in the bowling world, attracts bowlers throughout south Wales.

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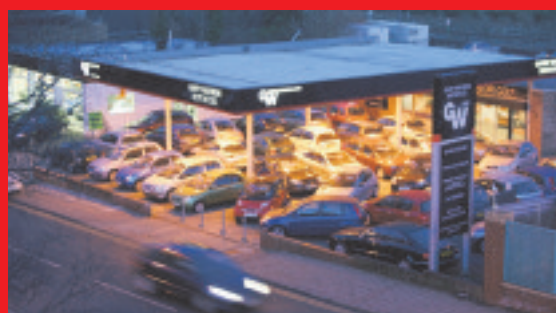


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GIRLS TAKE GOLD AT BRECON

Porthcawl athletes find success at NASUWT Cymru Welsh Schools finals day

PUPILS from years 9 and 10 at Porthcawl Comprehensive travelled to Brecon on July 8 to compete in the national competition, following their successes in the previous qualification sections.

Both the boys' and girls' teams gave their all against stiff opposition – the girls competing for the national cup and the boys for the national plate.

The outstanding efforts of our girls, both in the individual and relay events, were deservedly rewarded with a triumphant win over the opposing teams.

They can be proud of their achievements as they hold the cup high.

The boys certainly gave their all in the various events – but their

sterling efforts were narrowly thwarted, being beaten into second place by Cardiff High School.

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RIGHT:
Included in the photograph are the Gold medal team winners:
Shannon Short (100m, relay and long jump);
Alysha Jones (200m, relay and high jump);
Lora Roberts (800m, relay and discus);
Bethan Price (relay and shot);
Rebecca O'Brien (javelin); and
Hannah Williams (hurdles)



BRINGING BACK GOLD!

Youth ready to join seniors for Bridgend Athletic's new season

NEWLY-promoted Bridgend Athletic RFC kick off their Swalec League Division One West campaign with an away game against Whitland on September 5.

They follow this with a plum local home derby fixture with Bridgend at Newbridge Fields the following Saturday, September 12. They play the return fixture at the Brewery Field on Boxing Day, December 26.

The full fixture list and information is on the Athletic website www.bridgendathletic-rfc.com.

The Club's Supa Lota weekly prize draw now stands at £2,855.

Pre-season friendlies have been arranged away to Abercynon on Saturday, August 15, and then the club travel to the Old Parish to meet Maesteg on August 29.

They are also competing in the Aberavon Green Stars Seven a Side Tournament on Sunday, August 30.

August 30.

The club have recruited four former Athletic players. Former Wales under-18 caps brothers prop Rod Jones and flanker Johnny Jones from Bridgend; former Youth team captain prop Dai Price from Ogmere Vale, and former back five forward Rhodri Jones, returning from a long spell out after an injury.

They are currently negotiating to further strengthen the squad.

A number of last season's all-conquering Welsh Youth Cup and Welsh League Athletic Youth side are joining the senior ranks – many have already featured in the seniors, to add to the competition for places

and improve the club's strength in depth.

Under coaches Paul Yardley, John Apsee and David Williams, pre-season training is underway at Newbridge Fields, with more than 30 players attending the early sessions.

All are invited to join the sessions at 6.30pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

The club run two senior sides, so there is plenty of opportunity to get a game for varying standards of players.

In addition to the rugby training sessions, there are also sprinting sessions being held at Newbridge Fields Athletic running track on Wednesdays at 6pm and Saturdays at 10am.

Coity hopes rise in League

THE Coity Crusaders have boosted their survival chances in the Bridgend Sunday Leisure Leagues Premier Division, as Alex Fullerton led them to a crushing 5-1 victory over Bulldogs.

Leaders Shed Crew Warriors claimed a 3-1 success over Mean Machine as Matt Boden

starred, while AC Brackla saw off Racing Inter via the same scoreline.

B Attack have won all six of their games so far in Division One as Paul Howe starred in a 2-1 win over FC08, while rivals Croisaints were also 2-1 winners against The Bluebirds.

Anyone is interested in joining the Bridgend League, can call 0845 230 2340 or visit www.leisureleagues.net.

Celtic Crusaders' reserves are pipped by Salford

**CELTIC CRUSADERS 14
SALFORD CITY REDS 24**

by DAZ WHITE at Maesteg RFC

CELTIC CRUSADERS and Salford City Reds fought out a tight battle at Maesteg RFC, but it was three quick tries in the space of seven minutes in the first half that earned the Reds' their win.

Crusaders led with all the strong early pressure. It was raining at kick off and conditions were very greasy.

Salford didn't capitalise on their first set of six and, from the next set, the Crusaders powered their way down the pitch and Loren Quick finished the move by running over for a try, after good footwork from skipper Lee Williams. White missed the conversion in difficult conditions.

Salford easily made their way into Crusaders territory on the back of the three careless penalties. Karl Fitzpatrick went close to the line before Steve Nash crashed over next to the sticks.

Then three minutes later, Fitzpatrick was given too much time to run in under the posts. The half-back created the next try from kick-off, setting up Eddie Vaughan. Lewis Palfrey converted all three.

Crusaders dominated the early exchanges of the second half and were first on the scoreboard. Strong

play saw Ashley Bateman crash his way over in the corner to bring the score back to 8-18.

The home side started to take control. Elliot Kear was prominent on the wing with excellent defence and speed on attack. It was Kear who forced a knock on within Salford's line and the speedy winger finished the next set of six with a score in the corner. Lloyd White slotted a fantastic touchline conversion.

On the next set, the Crusaders powered their way forward and remained on top. Another knock-on from Salford under Kear's pressure gave them a good platform. From the next set, Bateman slid in at the corner, only for the official to rule it out for a penalty. The score remained at 14-18.

But despite all of the pressure from the Crusaders, Lewis Mills conceded a penalty which allowed Salford to crash to the line, with Danny Whitmore flopping through a tired defence. Fitzpatrick converted with the last kick of the game.

Crusaders: Jamie Tibbs, Ashley Bateman, Ste Tyrer, Lee Williams, Elliot Kear, Lloyd White, Jamie Murphy, Barrie Phillips, Tom Burnell, Gil Dudson, Lewis Mills, Loren Quick, Ross Wardle. Subs: Joe Burke, Geraint Davies, Adam Davies, Curtis Cunningham.

Samuels plans to shake up playing squad for next season

CELTIC CRUSADERS' debut in Crusaders' first ever game against Hemel Stags in 2006, will be signing for an un-named French club. Crusaders coach John Dixon said: "The offer to play in France came as a real opportunity for him. This has been a great adventure for Damien, firstly four years in Wales and the Crusaders and now he goes to France."

Quinn, who made his

debut in Crusaders' first ever game against Hemel Stags in 2006, will be signing for an un-named French club.

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for him. This has been a great adventure for Damien, firstly four years in Wales and the Crusaders and now he goes to France."

We're sorry to see him go as he is truly a decent young man who has been such a great servant to the club. We wish him and his family all the very best for the future."

Leighton Samuel, Celtic Crusaders chairman said: "We are currently looking at shaking up the playing squad for next year as we look to improve both our performances and results."

"It's fair to say that our playing squad for 2010 will look significantly different to the one that has represented the club in its inaugural Super League season, and the planning for next year starts right now."

"More players will

leave between now and the start of next season as we need to free up space in the squad so that we can add others with Super League experience to our playing roster."

In addition to planning its playing squad for 2010, Celtic Crusaders are also weighing up their options about where they will play next year.

Leighton Samuel added: "We're currently considering a move away from the Brewery Field and Bridgend until our new ground is built. We play the champions Leeds Rhinos in late August in Newport, and who knows, if that is a success we might make that move semi-permanent at least until our new home is ready".

The GEM Quiz League posers

THE correct answers to the following could mean you ought to be a player in The GEM Quiz League!:

1) What name was given to the series of trials that followed the Monmouth rebellion of 1685, conducted by Judge Jefferies which resulted in over 200 people being executed?

2) Americans call them 'Desk Clerks' - what do we call them?

3) Which New Zealand batsman in 2002 scored the fastest Test double century – needing just 153 balls against England?

4) Which novel has the central characters Leopold and Molly Bloom?

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